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NSTU Encourages Investment in Safe, Healthy Schools and a Staffing Plan to Match

(Halifax-Kjipuktuk, NS) The Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) is encouraging continued attention to the condition of public schools across the province and calling for a coordinated plan to ensure that all students and teachers learn and work in safe, healthy, and well-supported environments.

The NSTU thanks the Members of the Standing Committee on Human Resources for discussing the province's school capital plan at today's meeting.

"Nova Scotia's public schools are the heart of our communities," said NSTU President Peter Day. "We appreciate the focus on long-term investments in school infrastructure. These investments are vital to ensuring students have spaces that are safe, accessible, and conducive to learning."

At the same time, the NSTU is encouraging government to ensure that its capital plan is accompanied by a staffing plan that supports the people inside those schools.

"As new schools are built and existing ones expanded, we need to make sure there are enough teachers and specialists to meet students' needs," says Day. "Buildings are important, but it's the people inside them who make learning happen. Buildings don't teach students - teachers do."

The NSTU remains committed to working collaboratively with government and partners to find solutions that strengthen the education system. Ensuring that every student learns in a safe, healthy, and well-staffed school benefits the entire province.

"Students and teachers deserve modern, well-maintained schools and the right supports to make learning engaging and effective," says Day. "A balanced plan that invests in both infrastructure and people will help make that possible."

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