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NSTU and Department of Education Open Negotiations

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union, representing teachers in the public schools of the province, and the Department of Education opened negotiations on a new Teachers' Provincial Agreement today, September 21, at 9:30 a.m.

Education Minister Marilyn More and NSTU president Alexis Allen expressed optimism the talks would produce an agreement in the best interest of public education in Nova Scotia.

As in past negotiations, the parties have agreed to keep their discussions confidential.

The current provincial agreement expired July 31, 2010.

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