

Press Release

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DEAs Struggling to meet their new Responsibilities under the Nunavut Education Act

The Coalition of Nunavut DEAs (CNDEA) released a report at its Annual General Meeting in October/2012 examining the expanded role of DEAs under the new Nunavut Education Act, and the limitations of the current GN funding formula for DEAs. The report was commissioned by the Coalition because of the number of concerns raised by DEAs at the Coalition's Annual General Meeting in 2011 and again in 2012 about their struggles with funding.

"We are satisfied that enough good information was collected in this study to draw some preliminary recommendations on where changes need to be made to the DEA funding formula", stated Joe Krimmerdjuar, Chairperson of the Coalition. The primary finding of the study is that "DEAs have significantly more responsibilities under the new Act" and that "DEAs are experiencing substantial stresses as they try and fulfill their responsibilities (new and old) under the Act". The report recommends revising the current DEA funding formula.

"We believe that implementing the new Education Act well, is as important as creating the new law. DEAs are saying that to meet their new responsibilities there needs to be changes made to the DEA funding formula", said Krimmerdjuar. The Coalition of Nunavut DEAs is currently working with the Department of Education on increasing the training and development of DEA office managers and Board members to support their new responsibilities.

This report is available on the Coalition of Nunavut DEAs website. (www.cndea.ca).

The Coalition of Nunavut DEAs is a non-profit organization formed under the Society's Act to represent the voice of parents and DEAs in Nunavut Education. The Coalition's office is located in Iqaluit.

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