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Renowned Educational Consultant and Author to address teachers at Nova Central School District Conference

Mr. Jay McTighe, an educational consultant and author from Maryland, will address teaching staff with Nova Central School district in October, at the district's annual professional development conference. In conjunction with district staff, Mr. McTighe will lead sessions related to the theme "Respecting and Responding to Diversity". He brings a rich variety of education and experience to this topic and the conference.

"We are very excited to have a keynote speaker of this magnitude for our conference," states Charlie McCormack, Assistant Director of Education (Programs) with Nova Central School District. "Recognizing that students learn differently, we anticipate that Mr. McTighe will be able to assist us with enhancing our teaching strategies so that we can better respond to the needs of all learners."

Approximately 1700 teaching and support staff from throughout Nova Central School District will gather in Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor on October 21-22 for the two-day professional development and training conference, hosted by the district.

Mr. Charlie MacDonald, a motivational speaker with over thirty years of experience in education, will also deliver a keynote address to support staff and lead sessions for district bus drivers. He will focus on the valuable role of support staff in the education system.

"Mr. MacDonald brings humour and energy to his presentations," observes Paul Matheson, Manager of Student Transportation. "We are looking forward to his working with our support staff and in particular our bus drivers, over the two-day conference".

In addition to the sessions led by the keynote speakers, numerous other workshops will be offered to staff during October 21-22. They include sessions for teachers by grade and subject level and first aid, crisis intervention and prevention, behaviour management strategies, and policy development for support staff.

“This conference will help us to provide necessary training for all of our staff members,” notes Cindy Fleet, Director of Education. She went on to say, “Bringing everyone together for two days is actually a very efficient way to provide many types of training. We hope that all of our staff members find this to be an enjoyable experience and that they take back new information and skills to their work in our schools.”

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