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### **News Release October 25, 2010**

The Labrador School Board held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Labrador City. As per the Board's Constitution, the election of officers for the Executive of the Board took place at this time. The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the following individuals were elected to Executive – Goronwy Price, Chairperson; Glenn Andrews, Vice-Chairperson; Sam Mansfield, Secretary; Damian Power, Treasurer; and Joan Goudie and April Martin as Members at Large.

New business included the approval of the Labrador School Board's 2009-2010 Annual Performance Report. The Annual Performance Report highlighted the Board's progress in the areas of Financial Deficit, Student Academic Achievement, and Connections with Community Partners. The Board is pleased to report that its accumulated deficit has been eliminated as of June 2010. In terms of student academic achievement, the Board reported an increase in graduation rates and an improvement in mathematics, English language arts and science as measured on public examinations and criterion-referenced testing. A review and discussion took place on student academic performance on June 2010 public examinations and criterion-referenced testing of students in grades three, six and nine. The Board was provided with a detailed review of data on student performance in all district schools. Other highlights addressed in the Annual Performance Report included a discussion of the Early Academic Indicators/Remediation Process and its role in improving student success on the final grading.

In addition to programming initiatives, the audited financial statements were presented and approved by trustees. A summary of maintenance completed during the 2009-2010 school year was provided and capital application priorities for the Board were decided for the 2010-2011 year. An update on staff recruitment as well as a new performance management plan for Board employees was also discussed.

The Board completed a review of a proposal from the Labrador West Day Care Steering Committee to establish a day care facility at J.R. Smallwood Middle School. The Board discussed the proposal, passed a motion to approve the use of excess space for day care with the understanding that all renovations to the school facility would be the responsibility of the Steering Committee as per a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the Labrador West Day Care Steering Committee.

Mr. Price thanked trustees for their efforts and contribution to the Board over the previous school year, and commented on the successful implementation of the Board's Early Academic Indicators/Remediation Process which is improving student academic achievement in the district.

Dr. Bruce Vey, Director of Education also thanked trustees for their continued support throughout the school year and their efforts to improve the education system for the benefit of students. The next School Board meeting will take place January 21-22, 2011 in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

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