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ATLANTIC MINISTERS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING REPORT ON KEY LITERACY INITIATIVES

Specific achievements, such as the renewal of grades 7, 8 and 9 English language arts curriculum, standards of practice for educational leaders, new curriculum for grades 3 and 4 social studies, and the adult literacy campaign, are the major highlights contained in the ***Progress Report on Literacy 2010***, released today by the Council of Atlantic Ministers of Education and Training (CAMET). The report also includes key regional and provincial literacy initiatives undertaken to support and improve literacy in the four Atlantic provinces in the areas of early childhood, public, and adult and post-secondary education.

The Progress Report on Literacy 2010 follows *Literacy: Key to Learning and Path to Prosperity – An Action Plan for Atlantic Canada, 2009-2014*, and represents the ministers' commitment to report publicly on regional and provincial literacy initiatives.

Major highlights contained in the report include the following:

- In the area of early childhood literacy, the departments of education, health, and social services/development have been working collaboratively to identify gaps, interventions and strategies, and conducted research on best practices in early childhood/family literacy.
- Increasing the professional knowledge and skills in teaching literacy for all educators has been a priority for the public education systems. Initiatives to improve the literacy learning outcomes for all students, enhancements of curriculum, the identification of literacy teaching standards for all grades, and initiatives in educational leadership have been undertaken.
- In November 2010, the ministers launched the Atlantic Adult Literacy Campaign, ***Literacy: It means more than you think***. The campaign aims at creating an awareness about literacy that goes beyond reading and writing.

The *Progress Report on Literacy 2010* can also be downloaded at www.camet-camef.ca.

The Council of Atlantic Ministers of Education and Training (CAMET) is an agency of the Council of Atlantic Premiers (CAP) and its purpose is to enhance cooperation in public (entry–grade 12) and post-secondary education in Atlantic Canada by working together to improve learning, optimize efficiencies, and bring added value to provincial initiatives.

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