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Alarming Choices for the Future and the Quality of the NB Education System

(News Department – NBTF) The members of the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation Executive Committee have expressed serious concerns regarding the recommendations contained in the report *Choices To Move New Brunswick Forward* published last Friday.

According to the NBTF's Co-Presidents Guy Arseneault and Marc Arseneau, "Proposing options like an increase in the number of students per class and a reduction in the number of teachers to reflect the lower enrolment of students is an archaic model. The Government does not seem to be taking into account the multicultural diversity in our schools and classrooms, and the increasing needs of today's students."

Those options are even more surprising as they do not reflect a reality expressed by the population, which is to invest more in the school system in order to promote quality education for all students in the Province.

"We wish to remind the Government that Education was its top priority in their platform during the last election. The social and economic development of the Province is made possible through quality education. Teachers are part of the solution, and should not be considered obstacles, as suggested in the report. An investment in NB teachers and our students is the only choice if we hope to move the Province forward," concluded the Co-Presidents.

The NBTF is dedicated to advise and assist its members, and to protect the working conditions of the teaching profession by negotiating improvements to teachers' social and economical well-being.

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