MOTION

No. 31

Recognizing the value of teachers in education

Hon. Steven Myers gives notice that tomorrow he will move, seconded by Brad Trivers, the following Motion:

WHEREAS it is recognized that a quality, well-trained and supported teacher is the greatest factor contributing to student achievement;

AND WHEREAS the education platform of the Progressive Conservative party recognized this fact and proposed measures to build upon that principle;

AND WHEREAS several other political parties, including the Liberal party, also identified the importance of education during the recent provincial election campaign;

AND WHEREAS there is a great level of public interest in seeing positive steps to improve public education on Prince Edward Island;

AND WHEREAS cuts to teachers as a result of the recent provincial budget run counter to this stream of public conversation;

AND WHEREAS these cuts to teachers will increase pressure upon teachers already struggling to shoulder a heavy load to advance student achievement;

AND WHEREAS cuts to teachers were not a part of the Liberal party platform during the recent provincial election campaign;

AND WHEREAS a more engaged public consultation prior to making these teacher cuts may have helped identified less drastic alternative measures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly condemn the cuts to teachers announced in the provincial budget;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly encourage the government to reverse these cuts and engage in a broader public engagement to identify less disruptive measures to support Island teachers and improve student achievement.

Signed by: Hon. Steven Myers

Signed by: Brad Trivers

23 June 2015

8:34 p.m.