

# PROGRAMS AND STUDENT SERVICES

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## Supporting Excellence in Teaching

### SRSB Literacy Strategy

Based on teacher feedback collected from a survey of literacy-based topics, P-6 teachers throughout the Strait region are being supported with self-identified, job-embedded professional learning. Thirty-five (35) teachers from AEC, BEC, FEC/CA, SACS, SAJS and REC/A have focused on guided reading and writing instruction, with support offered in each individual school by Elizabeth Teasdale, Cathy DeCoste-Couture, Wanda Fougere and Amanda MacDougall. Regional Programs and Student Services staff will continue to work with teachers to identify and support their professional learning goals.

## Celebrating Student Achievement

### Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Awards

The Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Awards recognizes Nova Scotia students in Grades Primary to 12 who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to creating safe and inclusive spaces in schools and communities in Nova Scotia.

Eighteen (18) awards can be given annually, two within each school board and two in the Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK) Board. One will be an individual student award, and the other will be a team award for two or more people (team may include adults). An additional two awards can be given if a student is homeschooled or enrolled in private school.

The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, The Honorable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC, will present the awards to the recipients on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, April 3, 2018. With the student/team being notified in writing by Friday, April 20, 2018.

## Lieutenant Governor Medal Award Ceremonies

Starting this year, there is a change in the ceremony format. Rather than holding a ceremony in each board, three ceremonies will be held. For this year, the date and locations are as follows:

- Thursday, May 3, 2018: TCRSB, SSRSB, AVRSB and HRSB  
Location: Halifax Central Library
- Tuesday, May 15, 2018: CSAP  
Location: Government House
- Wednesday, June 6, 2018: CCRSB, SRSB and CBVRSB  
Location: Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre

During the 2015-2016 academic year, the gender criteria was eliminated in support of the "Guidelines for Supporting Transgender and Gender-nonconforming Students" and each school may award two medals to Grade 11 students who had maintained a commendable academic standing and who contributed to their community in either a leadership or other role.

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### The Potential of Co-operative Education

Molly Cooper, a Grade 12 Options and Opportunities (O2) student from Dr. J.H. Gillis Regional High School, recently finished her co-operative education placement at a local dentist office. Based on her interest in dentistry and a positive co-op placement with Dr. Wotten at Antigonish Family Dentistry, Molly has decided to pursue her studies in a dental assistant program, and potentially further her studies in dental hygiene after working in the field for a couple of years.

Following her last co-op placement, Antigonish Family Dentistry offered to finance her program of studies, provided she gives two years commitment to work for them. Molly is very excited about this opportunity to not only have financial support for her studies but guaranteed employment in a modern and busy dental office in her local area.

Co-operative education is available to all students in the Strait Regional School Board who are over the age of 16. It is an excellent way for a student to test drive a possible career pathway.

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## Strengthening Safe and Inclusive School Environments

Students and staff throughout the SRSB offer their support to everyone in the East Antigonish Education Centre/Academy school community.



Students and staff from EAEC/A, SAERC and SACS show their support and commitment to respectful, safe and inclusive learning environments for all students.



SRSB Board Members, staff and members of the African Nova Scotia and Paq'tnkek communities participate in the peace and friendship gathering at EAEC/A on Monday, March 19, 2018.