



## **COMMISSION SCOLAIRE EASTERN SHORES EASTERN SHORES SCHOOL BOARD**

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Dear Partners in Education:

Sept. 1, 2010

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to ESSB's Rural Schools Educational Conference. Months of preparation have gone into planning for these three days. We hope that our theme "Partnering for Success" is reflected in the workshops and informal gatherings that you will attend. This Conference is a call to all our schools and the partners therein to heed the message of renewal, redirection and revitalization. Our School Board has many challenges and we believe that everyone needs to know the facts. Our success data does not present a rosy picture. There is work to be done in each and every classroom across Eastern Shores.

It is my belief that with clear goals (as per our School Partnership Agreements and Management Plans) and a renewed focus on each individual child's success we can make great improvements. Recall when you first entered a school as a staff member; I am sure you wanted to improve the lives of children. Now is your chance to recapture your enthusiasm and by joining forces with colleagues you can help us evolve into a force for learning.

Please take advantage of the educational opportunities over these next three days. Take back to your schools new information and use it as a basis for further professional development.

Thanks to the committee who worked on organizing this unique educational conference.

Yours truly,  
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