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*"It is teachers who in the end will change the world of school
by understanding it"*

(Lawrence Stenhouse cited in McKernan, 1991, p. 41)

INTRODUCTION

A Curriculum Framework for Physical Education: Adjusting the Focus is the result of a collaborative effort between the Division of Program Development of the Department of Education, and the School of Physical Education and Athletics, Memorial University of Newfoundland. This curriculum initiative was endorsed by the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Delivery of Programs and Services in Primary, Elementary, Secondary Education which recommended:

That, with respect to curriculum development and revision, and as specified in this report, the Department of Education (1) establish the vision, (2) oversee the development of new curricula, (3) set level and program goals, (4) set grade and subject objectives and achievement standards, (5) develop evaluation guidelines, (6) recommend and authorize multiple learning resources and (7) publish curricula guides (Recommendation 91).

A curriculum framework is the first step in the sequence of curriculum development. **It establishes the vision and the foundation for the development of primary, elementary, intermediate and senior high programs.**

A Curriculum Framework for Physical Education: Adjusting the Focus identifies a new vision for physical education in Newfoundland and Labrador schools. The Framework is a blueprint to guide the development and implementation of physical education programs in this province. The document provides a new starting point for physical education teachers and other stakeholders, with the goal of developing physical education curricula that meet the unique needs

and interests of learners at the school-community level. Through a consensus-building, collaborative approach to curriculum development, a significant number of physical educators contributed to the preparation of this Curriculum Framework in the process of remaking the vision of physical education in our province. *A Curriculum Framework for Physical Education: Adjusting the Focus* is seen as a **starting point** rather than an **ending point** for curriculum development in physical education.