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Accreditation Process at Sydney Academy

Sydney Academy has begun the process of **school accreditation** through the Nova Scotia Department of Education. The process began with the collection of data last spring and this fall. Surveys were sent to parents, students, teaching and non-teaching staff in the spring of 2007. The survey was designed to gain a better understanding of issues around school performance. The result were tabulated by the Department of Education and returned to the school this fall.

Miss Janet Beaton and Mr. Greg Callaghan have generously agreed to act as co-chairs in leading the school through the accreditation process. Since the fall, with the leadership of our co-chairs, we have been collecting and analyzing data on student achievement and school performance in order to develop a school improvement plan based on needs identified in our research. Our School Advisory Council is acting as our Internal Review Team in order to provide input and direction in our efforts to develop our school improvement plan. An External Review Team will visit the school to review our School Improvement Plan in April and give us approval to move forward with our plans.

Through our review of the evidence we have collected the following three tentative school goals have been identified:

- GOAL 1: By May 2011, there will be an increase of 5% from baseline on a variety of literacy assessments.
- GOAL 2: By May 2011, there will be an increase in student engagement across the curriculum demonstrated by an increase in baseline survey data and a 5 % improvement in various assessment measures.
- GOAL 3: By May 2011, 75% of school community members will report satisfaction with communication methods being used.