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Figure 1 Dennis Gill (NLACL), Shannon McCarthy (IRT), Crystal & Lucas Hodder, Alun Young, Principal

The Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living is pleased to announce that Roncolli Elementary School in St. John's is the recipient of the **2019 Inclusive Education Award**. This annual award honours a K-12 school for their outstanding efforts to develop and design their school environments, classrooms, programs and activities so as all students can participate in all aspects of school life.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living is a non-profit organization that works with and on behalf of individuals with an intellectual disability and their families.

QUOTES:

"Inclusive education provided all students with the right to attend school with their peers and to receive quality programming and instruction. It involves a continuum of supports and services in the best possible setting, respecting the dignity of all children. We have some very positive approaches to inclusive education being utilized in schools throughout our province and they deserve to be recognized. I encourage all schools to apply for the Inclusive Education Award, to highlight their important work and efforts."



Figure 2 Elizabeth Churchill (ADM Education, GovNL) Julie Brocklehurst (NLACL Selection Committee), Alun Young (Principal)

"The Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living believes that inclusion in education leads to a well-rounded and inclusive life in the community for all students. Each year, our organization is proud to honour a school that has embodied the spirit of inclusion by creating an environment that is welcoming. We know that inclusive schools build inclusive communities; ones that celebrate diversity and the unique contributions we all offer."

Dennis Gill

President, Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living