



**Message from Honourable Moira Stilwell
Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development**

**Northwest Community College
Challenging the Paradigm 2009**

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The Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development, sends her regrets on not being able to be here in person, and asked to pass along the following message:

Thank you for the invitation to attend Challenging the Paradigm 2009 at Northwest Community College.

I'm impressed by the College's initiative to include the community in a dialogue exploring innovative ways to more effectively welcome Aboriginal students into post-secondary education and encourage their success.

Collaboration is the best route to finding solutions to the challenges that we face. The Province is committed to working with academic institutions and Aboriginal communities to ensure our public institutions are places Aboriginal students experience the satisfaction of success.

Challenging the Paradigm 2009 provides an important forum in which to share information to achieve these goals to further strengthen the foundation of our post-secondary system.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the College and surrounding communities in the commitment to opening this dialogue and welcome this contribution to B.C.'s post-secondary system.

Sincerely,

Moira Stilwell, MD FRCP (C)
Minister