



NSTU Coronavirus Updates

Substitute Teachers

The NSTU is aware of the concerns of substitutes related to income during the upcoming school closure due to COVID-19. In light of substitute teachers' concerns related to the availability of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits during this unexpected mandated closure of substitute teachers' workplaces, the NSTU has taken the following action:

- The NSTU President has written to all Nova Scotia Members of Parliament (MPs) to advocate for immediate changes to the qualifying standards for EI Benefits in light of the ongoing COVID-19 situation. **The President has specifically informed MPs that the changes announced to EI, on March 11th, are beneficial for those workers who become ill due to COVID-19 but do not recognize the issues that are being felt by workers whose workplaces close due to closure of workplaces as a means to #flattenthecurve**
- NSTU staff have been in contact with Canadian Teachers Federation staff regarding this issue. CTF are bringing forward these concerns to Office of the Commissioner for Workers. The Office of the Commissioner for Workers is an office designated to bring workers' rights issues, as they relate to EI, forward.
- A dedicated page has been created on the NSTU website (www.nstu.ca/coronavirus). This page is updated regularly as new information is received by the NSTU.

The NSTU encourages substitute teachers to continue to stay informed by visiting the following websites:

- NSTU (www.nstu.ca/coronavirus)
- Province of Nova Scotia (www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus)
- Government of Canada (www.canada.ca/coronavirus)
- EI Benefits (www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html)
- The Education Entity(ies) for which the substitute teacher is employed
 - AVRCE (avrce.ca/node/199732)
 - CBVRCE (cbvrce.ca/home/?q=covid-19-information)
 - CCRCE (ccrce.ca/covid-19)
 - CSAP (csap.ca/informations-sur-le-coronavirus-covid-19)
 - HRCE (www.hrce.ca/coronavirus)
 - SSRCE (ssrce.ca/)
 - SRCE (srce.ca/content/novel-coronavirus-covid-19)
 - TCRCE (www.tcrce.ca/)