



NSTU Novel Corona Virus Update



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Dear NSTU member,

Thank you for your continued patience and professionalism as we navigate through these unprecedented times. I know the current task before us may seem daunting. Never before have we been asked to meet the diverse learning needs of our students remotely, away from our classrooms. But teachers are nothing if not resilient and innovative. I have no doubt you'll tackle this challenge head-on.

Teachers also have a deep sense of community and an understanding of the need to look after our fellow citizens in times of hardship. Right now a lot of Nova Scotians are hurting. The poverty that existed in our province before the COVID-19 outbreak has only grown more pronounced as thousands of Nova Scotians have lost their jobs.

During today's Provincial Executive conference call the NSTU decided to donate \$25,000 to Feed Nova Scotia. This donation will in no way fix the economic inequalities that exist in our province that cause poverty, but we hope it will help ensure more families have access to basic household necessities they require over the coming months.

In addition, we are also offering to partner with all NSTU Locals that donate financially to a food bank or charity providing COVID-19 relief in their immediate community. The NSTU will match every dollar donated by its Locals to COVID-19 relief close to home, up to a maximum of \$500.

Stay tuned for more information about how you can take part.

Finally, to keep you more up-to-date during this pandemic we have made some additions to www.nstu.ca/coronavirus. Now you can also find a comprehensive list of all media coverage involving the NSTU since public schools were officially closed over three weeks ago.

Thank you for everything you're doing to support students & families in these times. Keep up your good work and stay safe and healthy!

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