



## Nova Scotia Teachers Union

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### OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

*Dear Colleague:*

*Welcome back! I hope your summer was restful and relaxing and helped refresh you for the upcoming school year. As we leave the hazy days of summer, we enter a season of revitalization and resolve. I hope you can embrace the opportunities and challenges you will face this school year.*

*We continue to commit to member engagement as a priority and are proud to present our second annual NSTU Member Engagement Day, which will take place on October 5, World Teachers' Day. The theme of this year's NSTU Member Engagement Day is "I am the NSTU" which focuses on the dedication of our members in helping the Nova Scotia Teachers Union stay united and strong.*

*We know that this year will be a tough one, not just for our union, but for all public sector workers in the province as we face a difficult negotiating environment. We will strive for fair and equitable collective agreements for both the public school and Community College members. We will strive to ensure that the working conditions for our members are of benefit to the learning conditions of our students.*

*We will also continue to raise the profile of our members and celebrate professionalism, and reiterate to government the importance of teacher voice in the sweeping changes on the horizon.*

*Providing appropriate, inspiring, member driven professional development is of paramount importance for the NSTU. We will continue to offer many professional development opportunities that meet specific needs. One of our signature professional learning events is October Conference Day on October 23. Please visit our website at [www.nstu.ca](http://www.nstu.ca) to view the complete Professional Association conference program offerings and register by October 9 to take advantage of further professional development, collaboration and networking, or call Central Office at 902-477-5621 or 1-800-565-6788 for more information on any of our professional development opportunities.*

*Remember that we are here for you, and this is YOUR union. You are the NSTU. If you have any questions related to the NSTU, please contact the NSTU representative at your school or campus, talk to your Local president/RRC chair/provincial executive member, or call/email Central Office. Get involved in your Local by attending a Local general meeting, volunteer to be an NSTU rep for your school or campus, or inquire about becoming a member of a Local or provincial committee.*

*As I enter the final school year as your president I will continue to be astounded at your dedication, passion and drive for your students and profession. It is truly an honour and privilege to have been given the opportunity to serve you.*

*Here's to a successful school year.*

Sincerely,

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SHELLEY L. MORSE  
NSTU President

