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## **NSTU Community College & APSEA Members lose right to fair collective bargaining**

NSTU Community College and Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) members are amongst the 75,000 Nova Scotians to lose their right to a fair collective bargaining process through the proclamation of Bill 148 earlier today.

“Today’s decision by the McNeil government to impose salaries and remove retirement benefits from those who provide public services severely compromises ongoing negotiations involving hundreds of our members,” says NSTU president Liette Doucet. “Our public school members have already been through this with Bill 75. The lack of respect this government continues to display towards the rights of workers is very troubling.”

She adds, “It is unfortunate that instead of investing in its people, this government would rather focus its attention on court cases and legal challenges. This does nothing to improve the public services that Nova Scotians count on.”

“We also stand in solidarity with our fellow workers who are directly impacted by the proclamation of Bill 148,” continues Doucet. “Together we will ensure that our right to a fair collective bargaining process is one day restored. The hard working women and men who deliver valuable services to the public deserve an opportunity to negotiate a fair contract without having the terms dictated to them through legislation.”

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents more than 10,000 public school teachers, Community College faculty and professional support staff in Nova Scotia, and teachers who work for the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Since 1895, it has worked to improve the quality of public education for children and youth in Nova Scotia, while promoting and advancing the teaching profession.

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