

Education Week

April 24-30, 2022

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MEMORANDUM

TO: NSTU Local Presidents

FROM: Angela Murray, Treasurer, Provincial Education Week Committee
NSTU Communications & Public Relations Coordinator

DATE: February 18, 2022

RE: **Education Week 2022**

Education Week 2022 will take place from April 24 to 30. This year's theme is:
Cultural Responsiveness – Meeting students where they are/La sensibilité culturelle – S'adapter à la situation des élèves.

Education Week 2022 provides a special opportunity for the education community to acknowledge educators, school support staff and partners for their outstanding work relative to the Education Week theme.

An award ceremony recognizing the work of teachers, support staff, administrators and pre-primary Early Childhood Educators is scheduled to take place on **Monday, April 25, 2022** at a location yet to be determined.

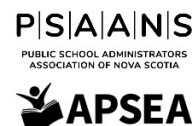
This year's theme recognizes educators, school support staff and education partners for their outstanding work in recognizing that culture is much bigger than skin colour and race. It is the unique 'ways of living' that every child carries with them when they arrive at school each day. Cultural Responsiveness stresses the positive pedagogy of building relationships with students, parents, guardians and community, to get to know home cultures. This ensures safe, caring schools, where every student sees themselves reflected throughout their learning journey.

Education Week is a cooperative effort among public education stakeholders in Nova Scotia. Public relations/communications staff from the NSTU, and EECD, a director from Nova Scotia Federation of Home and School Associations, the executive director of the Fédération des parents acadiens de la Nouvelle-Écosse (FPANE), along with representatives from the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA), Council on African Canadian Education (CACE), Council of Mi'kmaq Education (CME), and Public School Administrators Association of Nova Scotia (PSAANS) comprise the committee. The chair of the committee rotates between the partners. This year, NSFHSA's Janet Walsh is chairing the committee.

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Nomination Process

The Provincial Education Week Coordinating Committee has no statutory authority. Its role is to coordinate rather than direct. As such, the committee provides guidelines to RCEs and the CSAP for the selection of candidates for teacher awards. Teacher/NSTU member awards are apportioned at one per NSTU Local, with the exception of CSAP/CSANE, which merits one award from each of three regions. Following changes since 2019, the awards' selection now includes administrators, school support staff, Early Childhood Educators in the pre-primary program, African Nova Scotian and Mi'kmaq educators/student support staff and NSTU members (teachers) and student support workers from APSEA working in Nova Scotia schools.

The following guidelines for nominations have been circulated to the RCEs and CSAP.

Award Selection Process per Region or CSAP:

Based on previous years, what follows are suggestions as to how to set up your RCE or CSAP award selection committee, along with award categories.

Setting up your Award Selection Committee:

Committee members to include:

- Representative from **each** NSTU Local within your RCE or CSAP (often a Local President);
- PSAANS member;
- Non-teaching, school support staff member and Regional Representative
- Your regional pre-primary supervisor

****Please add or ensure there is African Nova Scotian and Mi'kmaq representation on the committee.***

*****Flexibility exists to add other members as the RCE or CSAP determines.***

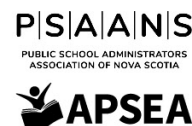
Award Categories and Distribution of Awards for each RCE and CSAP:

- One Teacher /Specialist award from **each** NSTU Local (# will vary from region to region)
- One award for a PSAANS Member
- One award for a non-teaching school support staff member (may or may not be an NSTU member)
- One award for an Early Childhood Educator (ECE)
- One *Mi'kmaq* Educator/Student Support Award (applicable to all student support school professionals)
- One African Nova Scotian Educator/Student Support Award (applicable to all student support school professionals)

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Responsibilities of the Award Selection Committee

- Provide the Provincial Education Week Committee with the name of a single point of contact from your award selection committee.
- Ensure that each school principal in your RCE or CSAP receive the Education Week Theme, nomination forms and any other relevant information in a timely manner. The principal should distribute nomination forms to teachers, school support staff and ECE's at the school.
- Ensure all school staff return their completed nomination form to the RCE/CSAP selection committee.
- Review the completed nomination forms and select award winners.
- Ensure names of all award winners and a short biography for each (no more than 150 words) are submitted to the Provincial Education Week Committee.
- Notify the award recipients from your RCE/CSAP before you submit their names to the Provincial Education Week Committee.
- Arrange any local recognition ceremonies and public announcements in the area.

The deadline for the names of the final recipients from each RCE and CSAP to be forwarded to the chair of the Education Week committee has been extended to **March 28, 2022**. The RCE/CSAP is responsible to inform the Education Week committee chair which teachers etc, have been selected to receive Education Week 2022 awards.

Education Week 2022 posters will be distributed to schools via NSTU reps in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns, or need further information please contact me.

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c Provincial Executive and RRC Chairs

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