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## NSTU's 103rd Annual Council wraps up in Halifax

(Halifax-Kjipuktuk, NS) The 103rd Annual Council of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union wrapped up this morning after three days of collaboration and debate about how to strengthen quality public education across the province.

NSTU President Ryan Lutes, who gave his farewell address as President, urged members to continue to passionately advocate for better quality public education in the face of growing challenges. In particular he highlighted the efforts of teachers and specialists in raising awareness about rising levels of school violence.

“Because of your advocacy, in June I will be at the Legislature speaking to MLAs about rising levels of school violence,” said Lutes. “Unlike in the past, we now have a voice in terms of what direction the province takes on tackling this escalating and urgent problem.”

During the weekend delegates participated in a Question and Answer period with the five candidates running to succeed Lutes as NSTU President.

Heidi Yetman, President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation/FCE brought greetings to NSTU members. “Congratulations on your incredible demonstration of solidarity during your negotiations,” she said.

The annual meeting wrapped up today in Halifax. From May 3rd to May 5th, some 250 voting delegates addressed 90 resolutions.

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