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NSTU looking forward to continued collaboration with Houston government

(Halifax-Kjipuktuk, NS) The Nova Scotia Teachers Union is passing along congratulations to Premier Tim Houston following last night's election victory.

NSTU President Peter Day says despite ongoing challenges facing public schools across the province, he is encouraged by the government's willingness to work with the Union in its efforts to improve our educational system for students and teachers.

"School violence and the ongoing teacher shortage need to be addressed and the establishment of the Safe and Inclusive School Leadership Committee, the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Committee, and changes to the provincial cell phone policy, increased number of school counselors and the ongoing work on the student code of conduct are steps in the right direction," says Day.

While a non-partisan union, the NSTU strongly encourages all its members to engage in the electoral process. Day says he was heartened to see so many current and former teachers put their names forward as candidates in this election for all three major parties.

"Teachers are fiercely dedicated to the communities they serve and it's no surprise to see so many running for office. They all ran very positive campaigns, and regardless of the outcome, should be proud of what they accomplished over the past month," said Day.

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