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NSTU Wishes Students, Teachers and Specialists a Safe and Engaging School Year

(Halifax-Kjipuktuk, NS) As a new school year begins, the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) is welcoming students and educators back to classrooms across the province, while recommending proactive measures to address ongoing challenges in public education.

“Teachers and specialists are eager to welcome their students back and help them succeed, but we cannot ignore the systemic challenges undermining our schools,” says NSTU President Peter Day. “Government must act to retain teachers, reduce violence, and provide the supports needed to ensure every student can learn in a safe, caring environment. Our kids can’t wait.”

Day says he is encouraged by the government’s willingness to engage with teachers and specialists on system improvements, noting that changes to the cell phone policy and the introduction of a lunch program are positive developments. However, he stresses that reducing school violence and meeting the needs of all students will require stronger action to address the teacher shortage.

“Ultimately, well-intentioned policies don’t create vibrant, healthy classrooms - teachers and school communities do,” says Day. “Right now, too many young teachers are choosing to leave the profession early. The government’s most urgent priority must be improving learning and working conditions and tackling the retention crisis. For our schools to succeed, they must be appropriately staffed.”

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents approximately 10,000 teachers and educational specialists along with teachers who work for the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) 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.