

Pathways for Progress

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Hope you're enjoying spring, and this article finds you as well as possible as you begin to envision what the end of this school year may look like. This year has brought its challenges but you have risen to the challenge and put forth your very best efforts to support your students to help them work toward their goals.

Your NSTU Professional Learning team want to check-in and share some exciting upcoming opportunities with you.

First is another opportunity for more funding under *Growth Grants*. There will be a second round of *Growth Grants* applications accepted this school year. Starting the week of May 9th, an updated application will be available on the website— <https://nstu.ca/nstu-members/professional-development/nstu-growth-grants>—and teams of teachers will be able to apply for learning opportunities either during the summer or into the fall. The first round of Growth Grants allowed the committee to see more examples of the amazing work that you are embarking on in your learning spaces. If you were considering applying for a grant in the last round, this application period will be open until June 10, 2022. If you have any questions about the grant criteria or the application process, please email executive staff officer Pamela Langille at plangille@staff.nstu.ca.

Our *Team of Enthusiasts* continues to

grow! For those who may not yet be aware, this *Team of Enthusiasts* is an invitation for NSTU members who would be interested in offering their experience and voice to upcoming initiatives and projects with the Department of Education and Childhood Development. To be part of this team, interested NSTU subject-area(s) and specialist enthusiasts can email team@nstu.ca with a brief description of your subject area(s) of interest, any coursework you have completed in a particular area or interest of study, and other professional learning as well as the education entity in which you work. This is an ongoing call for expressions of interest. If you have any questions, please email Amanda O'Regan-Marchand at: amarchand@staff.nstu.ca.

Finally, *CONTACT* is returning! The Conference on New Techniques in Classroom Teaching will take place at St. FX University from August 2 to 5, 2022 and will include workshop facilitators from the four Atlantic Provinces to facilitate sessions that will promote opportunities connected to our theme: *Take 2: Teachers Reflecting for Learning and Growth*. There are sessions planned on topics such as: Inclusion, Inquiry and Interesting Questions, Care in the Classroom, Breaking down barriers to Technology, Self-Care in Leadership and Outdoor Education. We are also attempting to coordinate a panel of guests to join us either virtually or in-person to

share their experiences of teaching in Northern communities in our Nunavut Territory. If you would be interested in attending this conference from your Local or professional association, please contact your Local or Professional Association President to learn about the process in your area or with your association. Seats for this conference are allotted as follows: one seat per NSTU Local (22) and eight seats among the professional associations, to be drawn via lottery. Expenses are paid by each Local or Professional Association. There are five additional seats available for delegates who wish to register themselves. For these seats, you can seek funding through your regional Article 60 committee or other local Professional Development funds. The delegates from these five seats will also be chosen through a lottery. Registration is online and runs from May 9th to June 17th. If you have any further questions, please email Amanda O'Regan-Marchand at amarchand@staff.nstu.ca.



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