

From the NSTU President



Keeping the Conversation Going

October is always a busy month for teachers and specialists across Nova Scotia. By now, the school year is well underway, routines are settling in, and the excitement of September has given way to the everyday realities of teaching and learning.

It's also a month that provides an important opportunity for us to come together as professionals, share our experiences, and reflect on the work we do.

On October 23, teachers and specialists across the province will participate in our annual October Conference Day. This is one of the few opportunities during the school year when educators can step away from their regular classroom responsibilities and focus on their own professional learning.

While the sessions offer valuable opportunities to strengthen our professional practice, I've always believed that some of the best learning happens through conversations with colleagues. Whether it's sharing ideas, discussing challenges, or celebrating successes, these conversations help us grow as educators.

While October Conference provides a wonderful opportunity to connect and share ideas, those conversations shouldn't end when the day is over. In fact, some of the most important conversations about public education need to happen beyond our classrooms and staffrooms. That's part of what we're hoping to accomplish with the NSTU Podcast.

The purpose is simple: to speak honestly about the realities of public education in Nova Scotia.

With the loss of local news programs and outlets like Global

Halifax and News Radio 95.7, opportunities for meaningful conversations about public education have become more limited. We hope the podcast can help fill that gap by providing a platform to discuss the issues affecting students, families, teachers, specialists, and school communities.

But this isn't a podcast just for teachers. We want parents, students, families, and anyone who cares about public education



Keli Brewer was a guest for NSTU's podcast on September 22



to be part of the conversation. We also want to celebrate the incredible things happening in our schools every day.

You can find the NSTU Podcast on YouTube and Spotify by searching "NSTU Podcast." If you see a post about an episode, please consider liking, commenting, or sharing it. Every interaction helps us reach more Nova Scotians.

Just as October Conference reminds us of the importance of learning from one another, the podcast offers an opportunity to bring those conversations beyond our classrooms and staffrooms.

The more people we have talking about public education, the stronger our collective voice becomes.