



# Welcome to a New School Year!

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We hope your summer was filled with rest, renewal, and memorable moments. As we head into a new school year, your Professional Learning team members—Wendie, Amanda, and Pamela—are excited to support you with updated resources and refreshed workshop opportunities for your Locals. We're looking forward to another great year of learning and growth together.

## Important Update – Professional Association Conference Registration

Conference registration will open on Monday, September 15th for NSTU Members ONLY. To register, you will need your NSTU username (the first part of your former NSTU email address) and password. This change ensures that seats are prioritized for NSTU members.

If you need help accessing your account or resetting your credentials, please contact: [webaccounts@nstu.ca](mailto:webaccounts@nstu.ca) as soon as possible.

## New Member Lanyards Are on the Way

Locals will receive our New Member Lanyards this month. As in previous years, each lanyard includes a keychain with a QR code linking to the Early Career Handbook. This digital guide is full of live links and helpful resources for early career teachers and those new to Nova Scotia.

## Professional Learning Opportunities for 2025–2026

We're excited to share several opportunities for professional growth this year:

- Conference Grants (now open to Reserve Members/Substitutes) – Apply by the first Wednesday in October
- John Huntley Internship Program – Deadlines: October

1st, February 1st, and April 1st

- PDAF Applications – Due: August 1st, October 1st, December 1st, February 1st, April 1st, and June 1st (Check your Member Diary)
- Provincial Committees – Get involved in shaping the profession
- CONTACT 2026 Conference – Coming to Wolfville, NS in August 2026 (Reach out to your Local President or VP of PD for more info)

We're here to support your professional growth and make the most of these opportunities—don't hesitate to reach out.

## A Note for VPs of PD

Your shared Google folder has been updated with:

- New deadline graphics for 2025–2026
- The latest NSTU Professional Learning brochure

If you need access to the folder, please contact Executive Staff Officer [Amanda O'Regan-Marchand](mailto:amarchand@staff.nstu.ca) for the link.

## Book Your Workshops Early

Our calendars are filling up quickly. To schedule workshops in your area, please reach out to the Professional Learning department by phone or email.

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and successful start to the school year.

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