

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to another school year!

I extend a warm welcome to teachers, specialists, students, and families across Nova Scotia. The start of a new school year is a time of fresh beginnings, new possibilities, and renewed energy as we reconnect with friends and colleagues and prepare for the year ahead.



Every day, you bring dedication, care, and professionalism to your work. You give so much of yourselves to support students as they learn, grow, and succeed. Your work matters, and the difference you make in the lives of students and in our communities is something to be proud of. I hope you take time to recognize your accomplishments, celebrate all the successes and find joy in the year ahead.

As your President, I will continue to advocate for the resources, services, and supports that teachers, specialists, and students need to thrive. Our schools are facing increasing student enrolment and increasingly complex needs while frontline supports continue to diminish. We cannot accept a system where the needs of students continue to grow while the resources available to support them do not keep pace.

We must also remain focused on creating safe and welcoming schools. Addressing the growing concern around school violence and ensuring safe learning and working environments requires meaningful action and a shared commitment from Government, school communities, families, and the broader community.

Your Union is Here for You

The NSTU is committed to supporting, representing, and advocating for you. Our dedicated leaders and staff are here to provide guidance, answer questions, and help you navigate the challenges you may encounter throughout the school year. If you have a concern or need assistance, please reach out.

Visit www.nstu.ca to learn more about the services and resources available to you as an NSTU member.

If you still haven't yet registered a preferred non-employer contact email with the NSTU, please visit [NSTU Central](#) and update your information today. This ensures you receive important NSTU news, updates and information directly. And, of course, stay connected with us through our social media channels.

Your NSTU school representative, Local President, and Provincial Executive member are also valuable resources. They are here to support you and help connect you with the information, advocacy, and services available through the NSTU.

As we begin this school year, let's continue to stand together for public education, for one another, and for the students we serve. Together, we can build a stronger, safer, and more supportive public education system that values the expertise and commitment of teachers and specialists and ensures every student can succeed.

On behalf of the NSTU, I wish you a safe, successful, and rewarding school year. Thank you for all that you do for students, your colleagues, and public education in Nova Scotia.