

Shelley Morse
President, Nova Scotia Teachers Union



*On behalf of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union and our public school, Community College and APSEA members, I congratulate the teachers and education partners who are making a difference in the lives of students, schools and communities through their commitment to this year's Education Week theme **Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action Be the Difference/ Citoyenneté active: Implique-toi, agis, sois la différence.***

Whether it's engaging students first hand in democracy in action through the Student Vote program, preparing students to be contributing citizens through curricular and extra-curricular activities such as We Day, or instilling leadership through sport, the educators and partners recognized have developed critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration with and among students to help them reach their full potential and recognize the important role they play and will continue to play in their home communities and beyond.

I also thank and acknowledge the Teachers Plus Credit Union, which has been a long-time sponsor of Education Week. Its continued support has helped to promote and highlight Nova Scotia's Education Week.

Please join me in celebrating the achievements and commitment of this year's Education Week award recipients.

Honourable Karen Casey
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development



It is often said that education is about preparing the next generation to enter the workforce but we know the scope is much larger. Education shapes the next generation of Nova Scotian thinkers, innovators and leaders and prepares them for the world. As educators, we work to prepare our students for the careers of tomorrow but also all the challenges that tomorrow may bring. Our teachers help to shape our future, and this year's Education Week theme is about taking charge of tomorrow, today.

*This year's Education Week theme, **Active Citizenship: Get Involved. Take Action. Be the Difference**, revolves around being an active participant in our communities. The educators and partners we are honouring this year have championed this theme through promoting community involvement in teaching, encouraging students to embrace their role as prominent members of their communities. This year's recipients personify active citizenship and help to foster critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration in their students, helping them understand the forces that have determined our past and our present and continue to shape our future.*

Thank you for your investment in the future of our students and Nova Scotia.

Gary Clarke
President, Association of Nova Scotia Educational Administrators



On behalf of the Association of Nova Scotia Educational Administrators, it is my pleasure to extend congratulations and appreciation to the teachers and educational partners who are being recognized for making a difference in the lives of Nova Scotia students allowing them to succeed, become leaders and active responsible citizens. The dedication, support and commitment given by these leaders to ensure students attain the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to make a difference in their own communities and abroad are to be celebrated.

*The 2014 Education Week theme, **Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference** recognizes the importance and responsibility of teachers and partners to provide students with the necessary tools to become our leaders of today and tomorrow and help shape the future. Success in our province is dependent on maximizing the successes and achievements of our students and giving them every opportunity to lead, get involved and make positive contributions to their local community and province. The teachers and partners being acknowledged here today are doing just that.*

The Association of Nova Scotia Education Administrators is proud and thankful for the contributions of these outstanding individuals being recognized as part of Education Week 2014.

Charla Dorrington
President, Nova Scotia Federation of Home and School Associations



During the past year education in Nova Scotia has been at the forefront of our concerns and the system has been through many changes. As the President of Nova Scotia Federation of Home and School Associations (NSFHSA) I have experienced first hand and have seen how those changes have affected families in Nova Scotia.

The success of our children in school is the direct result of dedicated teachers, parents/guardians and the educational partners who continue to overcome obstacles and who continue to make our children their priority.

NSFHSA would like to congratulate the recipients of this year's Provincial Education Week Awards. You all exemplify the true meaning of this award and are very deserving. Without you doing what you continue to do day in and day out the view of education success rates in Nova Scotia would look very different.

Congratulations!

Pierre Lebreton
Présidente, Fédération des parents acadiens de la Nouvelle-Écosse



*Cette année, le thème de la Semaine de l'éducation en Nouvelle-Écosse, «**Citoyenneté active : Implique-toi, agis, sois la différence**», souligne le travail exceptionnel des éducateurs néo-écossais qui vont au delà de leurs obligations pour favoriser la promotion de l'investissement communautaire en enseignement. La citoyenneté active des éducateurs en Nouvelle-Écosse encourage les étudiants à reconnaître leur rôle essentiel en tant que membres de leur communauté.*

Les éducateurs et les parents jouent un rôle essentiel dans le développement global des élèves afin que ces derniers deviennent des membres responsables de la société. Les éducateurs ont avantage à montrer l'exemple en faisant la promotion d'une participation active, d'un apprentissage par le service, d'une citoyenneté numérique positive, d'une lutte contre l'intimidation et une conscience locale et globale. Ils leur transmettent d'importantes connaissances et les étudiants deviennent donc à leur tour des citoyens qui façonnent et déterminent le succès de notre avenir.

Notre culture acadienne et francophone est un aspect important du quotidien des enfants; ils le vivent à travers la musique, l'art, le leadership et autres dans notre propre réalité. Il est important pour la survie de notre communauté et la fierté de nos jeunes que les enseignants et les parents puissent démontrer des exemples de citoyenneté active. C'est ce qui rendra les étudiants plus conscients de la fierté de leur culture et de leur langue pour assurer la pérennité de notre communauté acadienne et francophone.

En cette semaine de l'éducation je lève mon chapeau à tous les éducateurs et parents qui œuvrent sans cesse pour le bien être de nos enfants, malgré les défis qui se présentent chaque jour. La Fédération des parents acadiens de la Nouvelle-Écosse reconnaît l'effort et le temps consacré pour encourager les jeunes à vivre leur culture et d'assurer sa continuité.

Jamie Stevens
President, Nova Scotia School Boards Association



*This year's theme **Active Citizenship: Get Involved, Take Action, Be the Difference**, provides an opportunity to acknowledge teachers in their encouragement of students to be more active in their communities and to make a difference.*

On behalf of the Nova Scotia School Boards Association (NSSBA), it is with pleasure that I congratulate the Education Week 2014 Award Recipients. There are so many teachers who are going above and beyond their regular duties that it must have been a difficult decision to choose the winners.

With the difficult times that we have experienced in public education over the past few years, teachers have had to do more with less, but they never let the students down. NSSBA is grateful for the dedication and professionalism that Nova Scotia teachers bring to the classroom.

Congratulations again to all of the award recipients on being recognized for your outstanding commitment to the students of Nova Scotia.