



Nova Scotia Teachers Union

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleague:

Welcome back! I hope your summer break provided much needed respite from your teaching and work responsibilities. I'm hoping you are feeling revitalized as you enter the school year, and embrace new opportunities and challenges.

We listened to your outcry last year over the online-only version of *The Teacher*, and have brought it back to its printed format. As in the past it will continue to be online. You let us know that *The Teacher* provided you with a sense of connection to your Union and we believe it's important to maintain that connection and engagement to your professional association.

One priority this school year will be to continue to focus on engaging our members through better and more frequent communication, and by providing avenues for better feedback. We will continue to raise profile of our members and celebrate professionalism. We will also continue to set the stage for ongoing fair and equitable negotiation processes, and remain steadfast in ensuring that government is adequately funding our public education system.

The provincial election is on the horizon. Along with parents we have strived to make public education funding an election issue. Through our Stand For Education campaign we have shown how teachers stretch so kids can soar, and I encourage all of you to visit the website (www.standforeducation.ca) and encourage sitting MLAs, the premier and election candidates to focus on increased funding for a high-quality, modern and sustainable education system.

The NSTU continues to offer many professional development opportunities every school year. Sessions to meet specific needs can be arranged through the NSTU PD department. One of our signature professional learning events is October Conference Day on October 25. Please visit our website at www.nstu.ca to view the complete Professional Association conference program offerings and register by October 11 to take advantage of further professional development, collaboration and networking, or call Central Office at 477-5621 or 1-800-565-6788 for more information on any of our professional development opportunities.

Remember that we are here for you, and this is YOUR union. If you have any questions related to the NSTU, please contact the NSTU representative at your school or campus, talk to your Local President/RRC Chair/Provincial Executive member, or call/email Central Office. Get involved in your Local by attending a Local general meeting, volunteer to be an NSTU rep for your school or campus, or inquire about becoming a member of a Local committee.

As your NSTU President I consider it an honour and a privilege to represent such dedicated, caring professionals. I look forward to serving you over the coming year.

Here's to a healthy, safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,

SHELLEY L. MORSE
NSTU President



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