



## Nova Scotia Teachers Union

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### OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleague:

Welcome back! I hope the summer break provided much-needed rest, relaxation and rejuvenation for all of you. September always brings with it a sense of renewal and purpose, and I hope that you are experiencing this as you enter this school year, and embrace new opportunities and challenges.

Through our continued efforts in the area of member engagement, we are focusing on our key link, our NSTU representatives at schools and campuses around the province. To that end, through the help of your NSTU Local we are organizing the first NSTU Member Engagement Day, to take place this year on October 3. The theme of this year's NSTU Member Engagement Day is "Get to know your NSTU Rep." We will continue to raise the profile of our members and celebrate professionalism. This year we will be negotiating new collective agreements for both the public school and Community College members. We will strive for a fair and equitable negotiation process, and remain resolute in ensuring that we have an adequately funded public 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 24. Please visit our website at [www.nstu.ca](http://www.nstu.ca) to view the complete Professional Association conference program offerings and register by October 10 to take advantage of further professional development, collaboration and networking, or call Central Office at 902-477-5621 or 1-800-565-6788 for more information on any of our professional development opportunities.

We are also excited to inform you of a new integrated program for members to help you continue to find wellness and balance in your home and work lives. The Member Assistance Program combines our counselling services and Early Intervention Program and continues to highlight the Resilience<sup>®</sup> program, which offers counselling, legal, financial and wellness services to members and their families.

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 or Provincial committee.

As your president I will continue to provide a voice for members and am looking forward to the honour and a privilege of representing dedicated and caring professionals for another year.

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

Sincerely,

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NSTU President