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## **Nova Scotia teachers support Ghanaian school children to mark World Teachers' Day**

Teachers and community college faculty and professional support staff will mark World Teachers' Day in Nova Scotia by once again donating a toonie or two to help children attend school in the West African nation of Ghana.

"World Teachers' Day is an annual celebration of our proud profession," says NSTU president Alexis Allen. "This long-term commitment is exemplified through this project that gives our members a chance to make a difference in the lives of students in Ghana."

Public education is free in Ghana, but uniforms, shoes, school supplies and lunches make the average cost of sending a child to school approximately \$107. In a country where the average per capita income is \$2,500, this presents a significant challenge.

"Seventy-two million of the world's children are denied access to education; we can change this. By doing so, we will not only be helping teachers and students in Ghana, we will be raising the profile of our own members and teachers worldwide," says Allen, who is also a vice-president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation.

Teachers in Nova Scotia and across Canada will join more than 50 million of their colleagues around the globe marking World Teachers' Day on October 5th. The national theme for this year's celebration is "*Teachers: Inspiring Students, Awaken!ng Potential!*"

World Teachers' Day is an annual celebration of the valuable work of teachers in Canada and around the globe. It was the brainchild of former Canadian teacher leader Norman Goble. First recognized in 1994, consecutive Nova Scotia provincial leaders have proclaimed the day since 1995.

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