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Taking a stand for teachers to mark World Teachers' Day

Teachers in Nova Scotia and across Canada will join more than 30 million of their colleagues around the globe marking World Teachers' Day on October 5. *Taking a stand for teachers* is this year's theme, which was developed by Education International and UNESCO for this year's World Teachers' Day.

"World Teachers' Day is an annual celebration of our proud profession," says NSTU president Shelley Morse. "We thank all the parents, students and education partners who continue to stand up for teachers and public education."

This year's theme acknowledges teachers' crucial role in transforming the lives of learners at all levels. It's also a time to reflect on the difficult economic and social context in which many teachers work.

"Teachers continually reach and meet the diverse learning needs of their students with ever changing complex societal trends," adds Morse. "Teachers are vital in determining the future success of our province, and we encourage Nova Scotians to recognize their value."

To that end the NSTU has launched the Teachers Make a Difference recognition campaign, in which students are encouraged to nominate a teacher who has made a difference in their lives, schools and communities. For more information visit nstu.ca and click on the Teachers Make a Difference button.

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.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents more than 10,600 public school teachers, Community College faculty and professional support staff and teachers who work for the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority. Since 1895, it has worked to improve the quality of public education in Nova Scotia.

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