

# CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE VICE-PRESIDENT

## Clint Johnston (BCTF)

### ELECTION STATEMENT

We find ourselves now in a situation that none of us could have imagined as we left the last AGM. The current pandemic that has changed the face our world was not in any plan—personal, professional, or organizational. Fortunately, we are educators. We always plan—and are always ready to change that plan and respond to crisis. The already uncertain landscape created by governments across the country moving to radically alter education policy and side-step contracts is made more uncertain as we all balance working collaboratively as citizens with protecting and advocating for members. Right now, the CTF must bind our organizations and support all of us by providing a flow of information that allows us to challenge harmful changes that arise during this crisis.

We need to be forward-looking and be aware of what opportunities neo-liberal governments and private interests will see in this COVID-19 crisis, in order to be prepared to push back when necessary: to protect our members' rights, to protect our professionalism, to protect students' learning, and to protect publicly funded public education.

I have appreciated advocating for and representing Canadian teachers, and I would love to continue on behalf of colleagues across the nation.



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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Clint Johnston is currently a CTF Vice-President who now chairs the Finance Committee, having previously chaired the Constitution & By-Law and the Indigenous Education Advisory Committees. As CTF Vice-President, he is a Board member and represents the CTF as needed. Last year Clint attended the EI World Congress in July 2019 as head of the CTF delegation and has attended the ISTP in the past. This international advocacy enhances the knowledge Clint gained participating in the BCTF's international solidarity work, particularly reviewing a PD project for rural teachers in Bolivia.

Provincially, Clint is the First Vice-President of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF). This is his fourth year as a fully released officer and his fifth on the Provincial Executive. Clint also served three years as Local President in Chilliwack prior to joining the Provincial Executive Committee. The result of these experiences mean Clint has good local, provincial, federal and international understanding on a broad scope of union issues.

Clint lives in Vancouver, BC. He and Holly have five children in the public education system in BC, four of whom have entered the late French Immersion program in pursuit of speaking both of our national languages fluently.