

CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE VICE-PRESIDENT

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ELECTION STATEMENT

Many of CTF/FCE's member organizations continue to face right leaning governments, with their rhetoric of austerity and privatization, along with their willingness to enact regressive legislation. We see this across Canada. The most extreme example? Ontario, with half a dozen others nipping at its heels. CTF/FCE has been there, pulling the federation together to listen, to learn, to support, to advocate.



And then, COVID-19.

In a new world of social distancing and self-isolation, teachers had to exercise all of their pedagogical expertise to redefine, on very short notice, what 'school' would look like. Emergency response teaching. And we, as true professionals, rose to the challenge with grit, integrity, and creativity. Society noticed. CTF/FCE has been there, pulling the federation together to listen, to learn, to support, to advocate.

Whenever life within member organizations normalizes and we move on the priorities that drive our advocacy and action, society will have a deeper understanding of why we do what we do. Now, when governments seek to cut resources, and devalue and reduce our conditions of practice, we will have more allies than ever before. And I want to be there with CTF/FCE, pulling the federation together to listen, to learn, to support, to advocate.



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

I am a Vice President of the ATA and CTF/FCE. I have served on several ATA committees, including the Strategic Planning, Governance Review, Central Table Bargaining, Table Officers, and Steering committees, and chaired Resolutions and Finance. I chaired the CTF/CFE Advisory Committee on Indigenous Education and the AGM Resolutions Committee, and served on the AGM Steering Committee.

I have attended a variety of CTF/FCE affiliated events, from national symposia and forums to international conventions, commissions and congresses. The delegates I met and the diversity of topics we addressed strengthened my resolve to advocate for, among other things, publicly funded public education and empowering women and girls at home, across Canada, and around the world.

My active service to the Association began in Calgary Public, one of the largest locals in Canada, shortly before Premier Klein's PC government began enacting regressive provincial education policies in the 90s. After serving in many roles, I was elected Calgary Public's president, a position I held for five years.

I am the youngest daughter of a Canadian military family. I've lived in Calgary for more than 45 years, a community I proudly call home.