

CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE VICE-PRESIDENT

Liz Stuart (OECTA)

ELECTION STATEMENT

Liz Stuart brings a breadth of teacher activism and experience. An elementary teacher from the York OECTA Unit, Liz is the current OECTA President and former president of one of OECTA's largest local units. Known for her leadership skills as an experienced negotiator and political activist, Liz keeps the membership at the heart of all she does.



Through her deeply held values of social justice, equity and inclusion, OECTA has pursued a series of diversity and inclusion initiatives, including the recent instalment of OECTA's Diversity Advisory Board under Liz's leadership. She was also the impetus behind OECTA's inaugural women's leadership conference, Fempower. Liz brings a strong female voice to the CTF Executive Committee.

A former executive board member of the Ontario Federation of Labour, current CTF Vice-president, member of the Ontario Teachers Federation executive and Canadian Council of the Canadian Labour Congress, delegate to Education International, and the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Liz is an invaluable asset to the CTF Executive, and would relish the opportunity to extend her work as CTF vice-president, while growing CTF's stature as the national voice of Canadian teachers.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Liz Stuart became OECTA President on July 1, 2017. First elected to the Provincial Executive in July 2014, Liz served as second vice-president from 2014-2015, and first vice-president from 2015-2017; now in her second term as president, which runs until June 30, 2021. A member of OECTA's provincial bargaining team since 2014; more than 20 years of teaching experience with the York Catholic District School Board, teaching all grades from JK-Eight. From 2002-2009, Liz was grievance officer for the York Unit, where she served as local president from 2009-2014, and acted as Chief Negotiator for local negotiations.

A strong labour activist, Liz has been particularly involved in issues that disproportionately affect women, including precarious work, pay equity, child care, and gender-based violence. Current CTF Vice-president; former OFL VP and former OFL Women's Committee member; CLC Canadian Council member; OTF Executive member and OTF Governor; member of QECO Affiliates Committee; Canadian Labour College board; and member of Partners Consultative Committee for OTPP; member of CTF Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, delegate to UNCSW, EI Women's Conference, and observer at EI World Congress. Liz's passion and determination serve as an agent of change for OECTA members and the broader community.