CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE PRESIDENT DESIGNATE

Sam Hammond (ETFO)

ELECTION STATEMENT

Since attending my first Annual Meeting in 2004 I have been unconditionally committed to the critical work of CTF/FCE, and I have had the distinct pleasure of working collaboratively with most of you on the Board of Directors since 2009.



Together we have made a difference on key issues related to mental health, violence in our schools, and standardized testing. But make no mistake, there is much more work to be done on behalf of our 300,000 members and member organizations.

The CTF/FCE must be a unifying national voice of solidarity and the go-to organization for policy and decision makers on all matters related to publicly funded public education. Together we must protect fundamental bargaining and labour rights, oppose privatization and commercialism, and defend our profession and publicly-funded public education.

I offer 20 years of leadership experience, my passion, and my unwavering commitment to continue to act as a steadfast agent of change in society and in our federation; to promote diversity, challenge inequities, and to fight for fundamental human rights while fostering respect and dignity for all.

I respectfully put my name forward to serve as CTF/FCE President-Designate and I would be honoured if you would consider me for this position.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Sam holds a B.A. (Hon.) from McMaster University (1984) as well as a B.Ed. from Brock University (1985). He was a physical education and health specialist with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and taught all grades from Junior Kindergarten to grade eight. He was also an instructor in the Labour Studies Program, McMaster University; taught Collective Bargaining for the CLC; and taught Additional Qualifications Courses for Brock University.

Sam Hammond was first elected to the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) Provincial Executive in 2003. He served as vice-president (2004-2007) and first vice-president (2007-2009) before being elected ETFO president in 2009. Sam is serving his sixth term as president. He served two terms on the CTF-FCE Executive Committee as vice-president and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2009.

Sam serves on the CLC Canadian Council; Labour College of Canada Board; OTF Executive and Board of Governors; and the Centre for Labour Management Relations Advisory Committee, Ryerson University. He also served on the OFL Executive Board and the CTF-FCE Finance and Teaching Profession Advisory Committees.

Sam has worked on numerous municipal, provincial, and federal campaigns and he is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medal and Toronto Pflag's Ally Award.