

CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE VICE-PRESIDENT

Heidi Yetman (QPAT)

ELECTION STATEMENT

This past year has been extremely challenging, both on a personal and professional level. Certainly, the pandemic has reaffirmed that quality publicly funded public education is fundamental for a strong and



prosperous society. The pandemic has also brought to the surface the fragility of our public sectors and the importance of mental health and well-being.

The forced shift to online learning has exposed countless vulnerabilities and inequities that have affected both students and educators across this country. In parallel, the workload of teachers has been negatively impacted.

Tragically, the pandemic has disproportionately impacted women and in particular visible minority women. It is time to invest in a feminist and equitable economy.

This is an amazing opportunity for governments to seriously invest in public services and in education. At the same time, the pandemic has opened our education system to the dangers of increased privatization and austerity. How we proceed in the coming years will be extremely important and will determine which route will be taken. As such, CTF-FCE will have an important role to play in ensuring that quality publicly funded public education becomes a true priority. My hope is to be able to contribute to this endeavour.



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Heidi Yetman is the President of the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers (QPAT), representing 8,000 teachers in the province of Quebec. Currently, she is serving on the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF-FCE) Advisory Committee on the Status of Women.

Heidi was elected Vice-President of CTF-FCE in 2018-2019. This invaluable experience allowed her to chair two CTF-FCE Advisory Committees and attend the World Congress where she facilitated a women's caucus session and served as an official teller. Her work at CTF-FCE also included moderating the 2019 AGM Women's Caucus and moderating a women's panel at the 2019 CTF-FCE Women's Symposium.

In 2020, Heidi was a keynote speaker at the Manitoba Teachers' Society Women's Symposium.

Prior to serving as QPAT President, Heidi was the president of her local union and she taught Science and Art for 23 years at the high-school level.

Heidi has a Degree in Science from the University of Manitoba, a Degree in Visual Arts from the University of Laval and she recently completed a Master's Degree in Art Education at Concordia University. Her thesis focuses on the intersection between educator, artist and activist.

Heidi would like to continue her work in fighting for quality public education and social justice.