

CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE VICE-PRESIDENT

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ELECTION STATEMENT

The fight for public education continues across Canada. Right-leaning governments reaffirm their rhetoric of austerity and privatization, and their willingness to enact regressive legislation, at every turn. It's in the news; we feel it, we see it, we hear it. CTF/FCE is our unifying voice: listening, supporting, and advocating for member organizations, bringing these issues the attention they deserve and putting them on the federal stage.



Teachers navigated the COVID-19 pandemic and adapted to a fast-changing educational landscape, juggling in-person and online teaching, self-isolation and quarantine, for more than a year, always keeping our students' best interests at heart. We, as true professionals, continued to rise to the challenge with grit, integrity, and creativity.

As we move into a new school year, with a hope for widespread vaccinations and a dream of returning to a more stable teaching environment, we must remain vigilant, for our fight will not be over. When governments seek to cut resources, devalue our professionalism, and ignore our conditions of practice, we will need our allies more than ever. I want to be there with CTF/FCE, using my local, provincial, and federal experience to work with like-minded colleagues and bring these issues the attention they deserve.



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

I am proud to be a teacher. With more three decades of experience behind me, I look to the future.

I am a Vice President of the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) and the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF/FCE). I have served on several ATA committees, including 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.

I have attended various 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 Local 38, one of Canada's largest locals, shortly before a former PC government began enacting regressive provincial education policies in the 90s. After serving in many roles, I became Calgary Public's president.

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