

# CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE VICE-PRESIDENT

## Paul Wozney (NSTU)

### ELECTION STATEMENT

COVID-19 has altered our political landscape, compelling the Federal Government to fund resources that address gaps Provincial and Territorial budgets struggled to cover.



In this brave new space, the CTF-FCE's voice has resounded loud and clear for education workers nationwide, for quality inclusive publicly funded public education and the fundamental impact it has for youth and families.

As Canada begins to vision a post-COVID nation, the CTF-FCE is strategically positioned to advocate for a just, equitable and sustainable recovery. We must also seize this moment to ensure it translates decisively into a just transition and climate justice.

The pandemic has accelerated the erosion of education worker rights and the rights of our unionized siblings. We must continue to act in solidarity to ward off the threats to our jobs, essential services and social fabric.

The last year highlighted that education workers and our unions must lead in dismantling anti-Black, Indigenous, Asian and other forms of racism, hate and violence as well as the pandemic's disproportionate impact on women and 2SLGBTBQ community.

I believe deeply in the power of a relational approach to support the CTF-FCE to realize these priorities. I ask for your support as Vice President at AGM 2021.



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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Paul Wozney was re-elected 45th president of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union on October 28, 2018. Prior to his term, he taught at Charles P. Allen High School in Bedford and represented the Halifax County Local on the NSTU provincial executive. He served his Local as VP of Communications, and Chair and Co-Chair of the Metro Regional Representative Council Standing Committee on Substitute Teachers.

In the fall of 2018, Paul was the first NSTU president elected as an executive vice president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour and was re-elected in 2019. He served a term as CTF-FCE Vice President in 2019-2020. He is also is a Director on The Council of Atlantic Provinces and Territory Teachers' Organizations (CAPTTO), a member of the CTF-FCE AGM 2021 Steering Committee and a member of the Halifax Metro United Way Board of Directors.

Paul and his wife Lori are raising three children who attend public school. A rink sports enthusiast, he was a long serving minor hockey and ringette coach, coordinates and plays in a recreational hockey group and is a proud goalie for the Haas Women's Hockey summer league.