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*"Governments need to establish feminist foreign development policies that guarantee concrete actions towards valuing carework and therefore ensuring gender equality."* — **Ekin Deligöz**

These past two years have 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 continue the important work that CTF/FCE has been doing to improve the lives of teachers.

*"We do not always respond to shocks with regression. Sometimes, in the face of crisis, we grow up – fast."*  
— **Naomi Klein, The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism**



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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 as Vice-President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF/FCE) and serves as liaison for the Comité consultatif du français langue première.

Heidi was also 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 Bachelor's Degree in Science from the University of Manitoba, a Bachelor's Degree in Visual Arts from the University of Laval and in 2018 she completed a Master's in Art Education at Concordia University. Her thesis focused on the intersection between educator, artist and activist.

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