



## **CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE**

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#### **Election Statement**

Each of our organizations has a unique context: different geography, governments, and bargaining structures to name a few. These aspects combine to create the varied living and working conditions our members experience. Despite these differences, we have many similarities that unite and connect us – a shortage of teachers willing to work under current conditions, declining education funding, increasing violence at work.

It is through connecting with each other to share strategies, to provide solidarity and gain support, and to build off successes – this is how we ensure that both members and public education are protected across Canada.



The value of public education and the people within it must be a universally understood issue across the country, and this requires a strong and unified CTF/FCE. As BCTF president, I connect a diverse membership of over 50,000 in over 60 autonomous locals across BC to the goals of the provincial union. I have the experience, am ready for the hard work ahead, and would be to represent the collective voices of the CTF's provincial and territorial organizations on a national level and connect us all in this shared work. I firmly believe we are stronger together.



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#### **Biographical Sketch**

Clint Johnston is currently the President of the British Columbia Teachers Federation (BCTF) and a CTF/FCE Board member. He served five years on the CTF/FCE Executive as a VP. In that role he represented the CTF-FCE as needed, including at the EI World Congress in July 2019 as head of the CTF/FCE delegation and the 2023 Congress as a delegate. These events add to experience and knowledge gained through BCTF international solidarity work – including building partnerships with the GUPT in Palestine, in Bolivia supporting teacher development, and throughout North America for the Tri-National Coalition in Defense of Public Education.



Clint is in his eighth year as a fully released BCTF officer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and now President. He served three years as Local President in Chilliwack and has led bargaining teams both locally and provincially. The result of these experiences means Clint has good local, provincial, federal, and international understanding on a broad scope of union and governance issues.

Clint lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. His and Holly's five children attended public schools in British Columbia and undertook the French immersion program to enable them to communicate in both national languages fluently, and he is attending French classes with the same goal.