



## CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE VICE-PRESIDENT (Open Seat)

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#### Election Statement

There is no issue more important to educators right now than the nation-wide education worker shortage. It increases workload, erodes services, worsens mental and physical health, and makes union engagement harder. It interplays with the social issues the whole labour movement is fighting for, including housing, childcare, and



post-secondary access. We need well-coordinated advocacy and collective solutions to propose on these issues to make teaching a viable career across Canada again.

One piece of that work is at the bargaining tables of individual Member Organizations. We must put forward and fight for language that ensures educators are well-supported during the education worker shortage. The CTF/FCE must continue to connect and support our organizations by enabling a flow of information that allows us each to achieve the best results for our members in the short and long term.

Also, the work of the CTF/FCE on issues of equity and diversity is key to ensuring engagement and opportunity for all members. This helps to provide representation and leadership reflective of our membership. We are stronger when our members see themselves reflected in our governance and advocacy structures.

It would be a privilege to continue representing and advocating for members across the country.

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#### Biographical Sketch

Clint Johnston is currently serving his sixth year as a CTF/FCE Vice-President and has both chaired and sat on numerous committees in that time. As CTF/FCE VP he is a Board member and represents the CTF/FCE as needed. Clint attended the EI World Congress in July 2019 as head of the CTF/FCE delegation and the 2023 Congress as a delegate. These events enhance Clint's knowledge gained through BCTF international solidarity work—including travels to Palestine building partnerships with the GUPT, Bolivia to support teacher development there, and Mexico for Tri-National Coalition in Defense of Public Education.



Provincially, Clint is President of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF). This is his seventh year as a fully released officer and his eighth on the Provincial Executive. Clint also served three years as Local President in Chilliwack prior to joining the Provincial Executive Committee. The result of these experiences mean Clint has good local, provincial, federal, and international understanding on a broad scope of union issues.

Clint lives in Vancouver, BC. He and Holly have five children, two still in public education in BC. Four of his children undertook the French immersion program to enable them to communicate in both national languages fluently.