

CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE VICE-PRESIDENT (Designated Seat for Women)

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Election Statement

From Michelle Obama's book *The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*, I have found wisdom leading the New Brunswick Teachers' Association and co-leading the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation through some turbulent times. Having a 'sense of agency and purpose inside ongoing flux and remembering that small power can be meaningful power is how we right ourselves inside a storm that shows no sign of abating.' This is a reminder to teacher organizations that small actions are impactful in influencing what we cannot control.



Publicly funded public education across Canada will sadly continue to manoeuvre significant challenges such as the shortage of qualified teachers, hybrid learning, violence in schools, and complex needs in classrooms. As members of the CTF/FCE we must continue to rely on one another during these extraordinary times. Government decisions beyond teachers' control cannot destabilize the resolve of thousands of teachers from coast to coast to coast who remain united in solidarity.

A vote for Connie Keating means an experienced voice at CTF/FCE executive committed to amplifying the voice of our provincial member organizations in solidarity at the national level to strategically make positive change such as the national conversation through the National Advisory Council on Education (NACE).

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Biographical Sketch

Connie Keating is the President of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association (NBTA) and Co-President of the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation (NBTF) representing New Brunswick's 9,000 teachers. Her current position was influenced by portfolios held at the local, provincial, and national levels.

Presently, Connie sits as a member of CTF/FCE AGM resolutions committee; from 2017 to 2019, she was the Maritime representative for the CTF/FCE Advisory Committee on the Status of Women and the New Brunswick representative for the 'Daughters of the Vote' conference. Further, Connie is a featured teacher leader in the CTF/FCE resource, Fem Lead Fem which provides guidance to those identifying as women pursuing a leadership position within their teacher organization. Most recently, her leadership journey was highlighted on the CTF/FCE podcast Source.

Prior to her current role, Connie spent six years as a NBTA/NBTF board member and two years as an NBTA/NBTF Executive Committee member. Moreover, she served two non-consecutive terms as president of her local association branch, on various NBTA committees, and co-chaired the provincial professional learning conference in 2014.

Connie has both a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degree from Mount Allison University and a master's level certificate in literacy from Crandall.

