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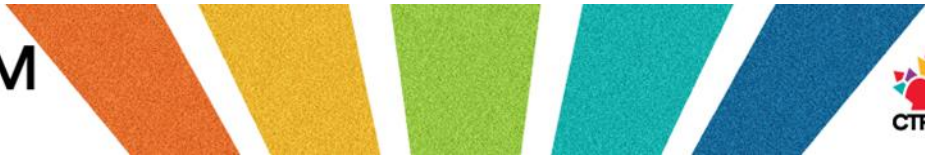
Election Statement

The fight for publicly funded public education continues across Canada. Right-leaning governments keep doing what they've been doing for years. It's in the news; we feel it, we see it, we hear it. CTF/FCE is our unifying voice: listening, supporting, and advocating for member organizations, bringing these issues the attention they deserve and putting them on the federal stage.

Teachers are still dealing with the after-effects of the pandemic. Too many employers and ministries of education turn a blind eye to the actual needs of teachers and students as they seek to advance their ideological agendas. They don't listen to us – the experts, the professionals – when we talk about teacher shortages, mental health, classroom complexity, supporting all learners, and more. While I am so proud that we, as true professionals, continue to rise to our challenges with grit, integrity, and creativity, we must find ways to stop the lunacy.

As we move into a new school year, governments continue to cut resources, devalue our professionalism, and ignore our conditions of practice. With your support, I will work with my CTF/FCE colleagues for the next two years, using my skills and experience to shine a bright light on these pan-Canadian issues.





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Biographical Sketch

I am proud to be a teacher. This profession claimed me while I was still a student in high school.

My years of service to teachers began when I became a local school representative more than 30 years ago. Since then, I've learned about communications, governance, policy work, bargaining, leadership, advocacy, strategic thinking, professional development, political engagement, finance, and more through working in my local, provincial, and national organizations. I have found new levels of satisfaction with each passing year as I honed my skills and took my service to new levels. Working with and for teachers is a profound responsibility and one of the greatest experiences in my life.

Having attended many CTF/FCE-affiliated events, from national symposia and forums to international commissions and congresses, I am more committed than ever to advocating for publicly funded public education, strengthening conditions of professional practice for my colleagues from coast to coast to coast, advancing the critical importance of unionism, and empowering all who seek equity through social justice at home, across Canada, and around the world.

I am the youngest daughter of a Canadian military family. I have lived in Calgary since I was 12, a community I proudly call home.

