



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

Karen Littlewood, OSSTF/FEESO

Election Statement

Dear CTF/FCE Colleagues,

I am proud to be President of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, 60,000 Education Workers and teachers. I am equally proud of OSSTF/FEESO's affiliation with the Canadian Teachers' Federation. Since our return to the Federation in 2019, I have found great value in the connections, the conversations, and the solidarity that comes with affiliation. I have learned much from my involvement on the Executive Board and I know that our staff have also seen great value. It is for those reasons that I have decided to offer as a Vice-President for the upcoming term.



As a Vice President, I will be responsible to the membership by offering clear communication, honest responses and a dedicated vision. We are still recovering from the pandemic and work to protect public education never ceases. We will be better able to meet those challenges with a strong CTF/FCE Executive. I bring a desire to work collaboratively to build consensus.

As affiliates from Coast to Coast to Coast, we have so much in common and we can all learn from each other. I ask that you consider my offer to serve on the Leadership team.



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Biographical Sketch

Karen Littlewood is a special education teacher from Barrie Ontario. She has worked in education since 1991. She has been both an elementary and a secondary teacher, a local and a provincial leader. She is currently the President of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, only the 11th woman President in the over 100-year history of the organization.



Karen has an honours Bachelor of Science in Languages as well as a Bachelor of Education. Karen believes that education is the great equalizer and that public education should be available equitably regardless of socioeconomic status, geography, or background.

Karen believes in labour and the power of solidarity. She served on the executive of her local labour council and has been known to say 'Any day is a good day for a rally!'.

In her capacity as President, Karen serves on several boards including as an Ontario Teachers' Federation Governor, a Director at the Canadian Teachers' Federation, a member of the Canadian Council and a member of the Ontario Federation of Labour Heads of Unions.

In 2017 she was presented with the Volunteer of the Year award with the Busby Centre in Barrie.

Karen is a proud union member.