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SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Steve Brooks

This award is presented to individuals who have given meritorious service to education and/or the teaching profession at the provincial/territorial, national or international level.

Nominated by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU)



Steve Brooks' career in education and union leadership spans decades of dedication, advocacy, and remarkable achievements. A proud graduate of Memorial University with a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, and Master of Education, Steve has continuously pursued professional growth through further studies at Queen's University and the University of Windsor. He began his teaching career in Newfoundland and Labrador before advancing to roles as Principal, Senior Education Officer, and Associate Assistant Director of Education. His commitment to supporting educators led him to the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association, where he served as Administrative Staff Officer, Assistant Executive Director, and Executive

Director. He was then elected as Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU).

Steve's leadership tenure has been characterized by a strategic vision and unwavering dedication to public education, member advocacy, and organizational growth. Under his guidance, the NSTU developed a comprehensive mobilization and strategic plan, ensuring the union remains proactive and responsive to its members' needs. A tireless advocate for teachers, Steve played a crucial role in negotiating landmark agreements in both provinces, resulting in improved working conditions, better school counselor allocations, additional non-contact days, and the highest salary increases in Atlantic Canada. He also significantly contributed to protecting the professional status of School Psychologists and Speech-Language Pathologists by resisting government efforts to remove them from union membership.

Steve's incredible contributions and unwavering dedication have strengthened teacher pensions and reinforced the collective strength of educators.

Special Recognition Award