



# Rita Mueller

Northwest Territories Teachers' Association

CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE

## Election Statement

I am running for President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation because public education needs a leader who understands classrooms, government, and how to deliver real results for educators.

Across Canada, educators face unsustainable workloads, attacks on professional autonomy, and increasing classroom complexity. This moment demands experienced, decisive leadership with the courage to act boldly and the ability to unite our collective voices.

I have served as an educational leader across local, territorial, and Indigenous governments. I have negotiated collective agreements, shaped education policy, and built the partnerships and political relationships needed to advance our profession and protect the rights of educators.

As President, I will defend professional autonomy, fight for workload protections, strengthen our collective bargaining power, and ensure that educators lead decisions about education – not the politicians.

Every child deserves safe, equitable, inclusive education. That starts with supported teachers. I am ready to lead and provide that unwavering support.

## Biographical Sketch

Currently, I serve as President of the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association and Vice-President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation.

I began my career as a classroom teacher and high school guidance counsellor, then served as a Principal of several JK-12 schools, where I championed inclusive learning, land-based education, and effective student supports.

My leadership expanded as Chief Executive Officer of the Tłıchq Community Services Agency, integrating education, health and social services in partnership with Indigenous governments.

At the territorial level, I served as Assistant Deputy Minister and later, as Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, developing policies that reflect the realities of Northern communities.

I served for six years as an appointed member on the NWT Human Rights Commission.

For more than three decades, I have worked across the full landscape of education and public service, always grounded in community, collaboration, respect, equity, diversity and strong public institutions.

