



CITY SCOOP

NSTU Halifax City Local



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Message From the President



The next 16 days bring concerts, parties, progress conferences and special events—joyful yet sometimes challenging. If a quick visit or a small treat before school, at lunch, or after school could brighten your day, please reach out. Each of you strengthens the NSTU, and together your voices make us stronger as a collective.

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Upcoming Events/Due Dates

Register for all Zoom sessions:

economicwelfaresessions@gmail.com

December 9th: Contracts Zoom session*

January 7: Article 60 Conference

Grant/Inservice Promotion Grant

Application Due

January 15: [EDUWellness Grant By Members for members](#)

January 28: Article 60 Conference
Grant/Inservice Promotion Grant
Application Due

January 28th: Local General Meeting. All
Halifax City Members welcome. 4:30 at 3106
Joseph Howe drive *At this meeting we will
vote on Our Annual Council delegates. Any
member can put their name in.

Annual Council 2026

(May 1-3, 2026 Westin Hotel)

The Annual Council is the Nova Scotia Teachers Union's big yearly meeting where teachers from all over the province come together to make decisions about how the union works. Delegates debate and vote on proposals (called resolutions), set the union's budget, elect leaders every second year, and celebrate the contributions of educators. It's essentially the union's "parliament," where members shape priorities and policies for the year ahead.

If you have ever wanted to know why dues increased or certain recommendations are made-join!



City Shout-Out: Juli Gillard

A proud JL Ilsley alumna, Juli Gillard is dedicated to the Spryfield community. In her first year as Social Studies and French Department Head, she has fostered inclusion, shared resources, and supported staff with compassionate leadership. Juli has also served in other key roles, including teacher and pilot for junior high support, further strengthening connections between staff and students. As a teacher, union advocate, and coach, her work makes a lasting impact on the JL Ilsley school community.

Important Notices

YOGA with Matt Berghuis Expression of interest (Location: JL Ilsley High School) \$10 for 4 weeks for Halifax City members

Sessions run 4:15–5:15 p.m.

Block 1 (Jan 8–29) or Block 2 (Feb 5–26).

Participants may choose one or both if space allows. Apply by Dec 15 (4 p.m.); notifications sent by Dec 20. Follow the link: [Yoga registration](#)



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IT'S IN OUR AGREEMENT

ARTICLE 60 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

60.08 The Fund shall be allocated to the following categories:

(i) Educational Leaves of up to and including one (1) year; (ii) Conference Grants; (iii) Professional Development Grants; and (iv) Teacher or School Initiated In-service Education. (v) Authorized administrative expenses pursuant to Article 60.13.



Teacher Provincial Agreement (TPA): [TPA Link](#)

QR Code and [Link to Halifax Regional Agreement](#). The Halifax

Regional Agreement covers local provisions such as bereavement leave, staffing and transfer procedures, postings, surplus teacher processes,

school climate committees, and teacher-in-charge roles.



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