



CITY SCOOP

NSTU Halifax City Local



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Message From the President



It's cold outside! Please refer to the one-pager attached to this week's email for guidance on what to do when indoor temperatures drop too low.

Keep those City Shout Outs and school visit requests coming—they help keep us connected and empowered as a local. Hope to see many of you at our meeting in January!

Nancie de la Chevrière



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City Shout-Out: Nikki Conrad and Moragh Jang

Gorsebrook Junior High is fortunate to have **Nikki Conrad and Moragh Jang**, two dedicated educators whose high expectations and steady support help students thrive.

They're an integral part of the school's heartbeat, working tirelessly to offer enriching opportunities such as the Duke of Edinburgh Program, ski trip, and the woodworking club. Their positive influence is felt every day.

Moragh and Nikki represent the **Halifax City Local NSTU** with professionalism, dedication, and pride, reflecting the very best of the organization. We're grateful for the energy and heart they bring to Gorsebrook.



Important Notices

Looking for a **YOGA instructor** to provide 1 hour of yoga for Halifax City NSTU members. **Honorarium provided.** If you are qualified and are interested, please contact me ASAP for more details. 902-497-9254 or email halifaxcitylocal@nstu.ca

NSTU Member Cards

First check with your rep for your card. Reps email registry@nstu.ca for missing cards name, school site and professional number.



[NSTU Deals and Discounts](#)

Contact me for a school visit [School Visit Request](#) or individual or group site visit OR alternate location.



Article 60

Make sure to read the guidelines before you apply! See HRCE SharePoint



[Read guidelines](#)

JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE

We will be voting on a new Vice President position in January. This role includes equity, new members, and substitutes. To express interest, email halifaxcitylocal@nstu.ca or halifaxcitypapr@gmail.com with your name and school site. See attached description.

Upcoming Events/Due Dates

January 15: EDUWellness Grant By Members for members (10 x \$1500)

January 28: Article 60 Conference

Grant/Inservice Promotion Grant Application

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+ VP of Equity, New Member and Substitutes.** The results may lead to other elections.

February 1: Expression of interest (MyHRCE)

Specialty Teaching Contract (School Counsellor/Psychologist)

February 13th: Nomination form for **Provincial Executive Positions** (3 seats: African NS, Indigenous and Halifax City) [PE Nomination form](#)

February 15th: Full Year Ed Leave

Applications due (See HRCE SharePoint)

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-come to our meeting Jan. 28 to join!

IT'S IN OUR AGREEMENT

Teacher Provincial Agreement (TPA): TPA Link

Educational Leave (up to one year) is available to teachers who meet the priorities and criteria outlined in **Article 60.09** of the Teachers' Provincial Agreement. Teachers should be aware that, upon returning from leave, they may be assigned to a position connected to the subject area of their studies, as outlined in their Regional Agreement.

QR Code and Link to Halifax Regional Agreement. The agreement covers local provisions including bereavement leave, staffing, transfers, postings, and surplus teacher processes.



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