



# CITY SCOOP

## NSTU Halifax City Local



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### Message From the President



Several important deadlines for professional development funding and opportunities— including conferences, the John Huntley Internship, and Annual Council—are coming up this week. Take a moment to invest in yourself by applying. When members step forward and grow, our union grows stronger with us.



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### Upcoming Events/Due Dates

#### January 28: Article 60 Conference

Grant/Inservice Promotion Grant Application  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>: 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.

**January 31:** Article 60 Course Reimbursement for fall courses due

**February 1: John Huntley applications due NSTU + PDAF Grants dues NSTU+ Expression of interest (MyHRCE) Specialty Teaching Contract (School Counsellor/Psychologist)**

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

**February 13<sup>th</sup>: Full Year Ed Leave Applications due** (See HRCE SharePoint)

#### Annual Council 2026

(May 1-3, 2026 Westin Hotel)

**The Annual Council** is the NSTU's big yearly meeting where teachers from across Nova Scotia set priorities, debate resolutions, approve the budget, and elect leaders every second year. Think of it as the union's "parliament."

Our Local has **23 delegate spots** and **3 alternates**, with some spots reserved for executive, new members and for equity-deserving members. Email your name to be considered or attend the **January 28** meeting when we vote. **A brief meeting will follow.**



### City Shout-Out: Paulette O'Connor

Halifax City Local is proud to recognize **Paulette O'Connor**, an exceptional Grade 6 teacher at St. Joseph A. Mackay. For decades, she has gone above and beyond to create unforgettable experiences for her students—from dream trips to the ocean, to enriching field excursions, to securing spots on WestJet's Santa Flight.

We also extend our thanks to Paulette for her many years of service on the Halifax City Local executive. She is currently the VP of Social and Wellness and is well known as the NSTU's dedicated Social Coordinator. While she has contributed in many roles, her leadership in organizing events such as the Retirement Dinner stands out. Her generosity and commitment continue to uplift our entire community.



### Important Notices

**DEADLINE: February 1<sup>st</sup> John Huntley Internship! The John Huntley Memorial Internship Program is a two-day NSTU professional development opportunity.**

[Apply Here](#)

#### NSTU Member Cards

First check with your rep for your card. Reps email [registry@nstu.ca](mailto:registry@nstu.ca) for missing cards name, school site and professional number.



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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](mailto:halifaxcitylocal@nstu.ca) or [halifaxcitypapr@gmail.com](mailto:halifaxcitypapr@gmail.com)** with your name and school site. See attached description.

## IT'S IN OUR AGREEMENT

### Teacher Provincial Agreement (TPA): [TPA Link Article 5.01](#)

The article affirms that the Employer is responsible for **enforcing all safety, health, and fire regulations** within the Public School System, ensuring that school environments meet required standards for the **protection of staff and students.**

**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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