



CITY SCOOP

NSTU Halifax City Local



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Message From the President

Thank you, Halifax City Local members, for your patience this year and for welcoming me into your schools. I'm pleased to say I visited every school except one — and several of them more than once. Next year, I hope to improve even further, and I'll be using the feedback from your surveys to help guide that work. Warmest wishes for a wonderful summer — may it be restful, joyful, and exactly what you need.



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Upcoming Events/Due Dates

July 8 (12pm) Summer term posting goes live
July 18th: Pride Parade meet at 11:00 a.m. on Cogswell spot C23 (Halifax Region NSTU will have a bus and be participating)



Aug 17 (12pm) Summer term posting closes
Aug 19 (12pm) Weekly Term postings resume
September 23rd: Halifax City Local General Meeting 4:30 (All Halifax City Local NSTU members welcome)

Save the date!-October 6th-November 24th:
Yoga with Amanda at Halifax Yoga from 4:15-5:15 (Form will open in September)



Halifax City Beacon Award Winner

Paulette O'Connor is the inaugural recipient of the **Halifax City Local NSTU Beacon Award** — a recognition created in our new Operational Procedures to honour members who embody the very best of our union. For 30 years, Paulette has been a joyful, imaginative, and deeply committed educator at St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay, creating experiences her students will remember for a lifetime. Within our Local, she has been a steady and trusted leader for more than two decades. Her signature contribution has been transforming our annual Retirement Dinner into a warm, welcoming, and meaningful celebration — a true marquee event for our Local. Paulette leads with kindness, integrity, and optimism, bringing people together and strengthening solidarity wherever she goes. She is exactly the kind of member this award was created to honour.

NSTU Member Benefits, Opportunities & Advocacy

Act for Education: Template to contact your MLA re education cuts and loss of social worker roles in Halifax.

Homewood's EFAP (Employee and Family Assistance Program) provides **confidential support** for stress, grief, relationships, parenting, finances, and workplace challenges. **Access 24/7 counselling, coaching, and resources** to stay balanced at work and home—with added benefits like **25% off legal fees. Login**



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Contact me for a school visit School Visit Request or to meet up at another location.



Looking forward to visiting your school in the fall. I need to be invited so reach out.

Teacher Provincial Agreement (TPA): TPA Link

67.01 RETIREMENT SEMINARS Teachers within five (5) years of retirement shall, upon request, be given two (2) days Leave of Absence, without loss of salary or benefits, for actual attendance at a Retirement Seminar sponsored by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. Substitutes shall be hired to replace such teachers pursuant to Article 32.21.

QR Code and Link to Halifax Regional Agreement.

Contest Winners (Check your email)

50\$ winners: Tim Dawe, Tyler Simmons, Jenna Conway, Abby Strachan, Kaitlyn Kelly, Krissy Brewer, Amanda Meisner, Jean Robertson, Dereck Thibault and Neil Wong

100\$ gift card winners: Robyn Cobeau, Mireille Zaghiakian, Emma Carmichael, Tamera MacDonald and Jessica Hart

250\$ gift card winner: Stephanie Purnell