



CITY SCOOP

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Message From the President



Staffing timelines were released last week, which can feel exciting for some and stressful for others. Notices of Assignment will also be coming out this week. It's Teacher Appreciation Week, and your school reps will pick up a small token of our Local's appreciation at Wednesday's meeting. I'll drop off anything not collected on Thursday. Please reach out to me anytime if you need support.



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Upcoming Events/Due Dates

- May 13th: Halifax City Local Meeting
- May 18th: Halifax Tides Teacher Appreciation Event Halifax City Local
- May 28th: Reps/Committee member Appreciation Night Silva
- May 29th: DEADLINE to get tickets for the Retirement Dinner: [Guest Registration](#) and [Retiree Registration](#)
- May 31st: Gil Oickle- Student Education Awards Closes
- June 3: Halifax City Local AGM (elections and Ops)
- June 4th: Move East for New Members 4:15 p.m. [Register here](#)
- June 12th: Retirement Dinner at Pier 21



City Shout-Out: Dave Drapak

Education Week Award Winner, Dave Drapak embodies this year's theme, *Fostering Empathy: Learning and Leading with Kindness*. A dedicated Art teacher, Dave consistently goes above and beyond to ensure students feel supported and included. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he personally delivered Art supply packages to students' homes so they could continue learning meaningfully online. He also advises the GSA and Guys Group, creating safe, affirming spaces where students can be themselves. Dave is especially known for his compassion toward marginalized and at-risk students, building trusting relationships and advocating for their needs. His kindness extends to colleagues as well—he welcomes every student who passes his door and supports staff with warmth and generosity. Dave's positive presence has shaped the culture of Citadel High, and he will be deeply missed as he enters retirement.

NSTU Opportunities

May 6th: [NSTU Conference Grant 2025- Conference-Grant-Application-English.pdf](#) and [NSTU Travel Fellowship applications due 2026-Travel-Fellowship-Application-English.pdf](#)

May 20th: [French Language Professional Development Grant English application](#) [French application](#)

May 27th: [NSTU Provincial Standing Committee Applications Standing Committee Applications](#)

City Shout-Out: Nominations

Nominate a colleague [City Shout-Out Nomination – Fill out form](#). This includes teachers, school counsellors, social workers, school psychologists, and many

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(DEADLINE: May 31st) Halifax City Local (Gil Oickle) Student Educational Awards

All Halifax City Local NSTU members (must be on the registry) **qualify to enter their children who will be or are attending post-secondary institutions for a \$500 bursary**. These will be selected by random draw at our AGM in June.

Teacher Provincial Agreement (TPA): [TPA Link](#) [Link to Halifax Regional Agreement](#).

10.04 (i) The Regional Centre may fill up to thirty-eight (38) vacant positions each year in order to:

- (a) address the requirements of high needs schools, defined as schools serving a student population where a predominant number of families are at the lower end of the socio-economic scale...
- (b) fill positions in historically hard to staff schools,...
- (c) fill positions in rural schools,...
- (d) provide appropriate diversity to a school for groups identified as...

The Regional Centre is not required to consider seniority when filling positions pursuant to article 10.04 (i).