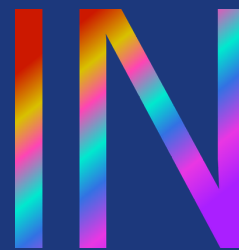




The CHECK

June 29, 2026

Issue 42



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



As the 2025-2026 school year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on another meaningful year serving as your Local President. This was my second year in the role, and it has continued to be a journey of learning, growth, and deep appreciation for the incredible members who make our Local so strong.

Throughout the year, I have had the privilege of connecting with many of you through meetings, emails, phone calls, and conversations in our schools and communities. Each interaction has reinforced the dedication, professionalism, and passion that our members bring to their work every day. I continue to be inspired by your commitment to students and by the care and support you show one another.

This year has reinforced the importance of connection, collaboration, and the strength of our collective voice. I am grateful for your engagement, your thoughtful questions, your feedback, and your willingness to work together in support of one another and public education.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the 2025-2026 Local Executive. Their hard work, countless hours of service and advocating on behalf of our members are truly appreciated. They work tirelessly to ensure your voices are heard and your interests are represented.

To our school representatives and members, thank you for all that you do. Your leadership, dedication, and support help keep our Local informed, connected, and strong. The work we accomplish is only possible because of your commitment and willingness to be involved.

Continued on the following page

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 30 Last day of school (day 195)
- July 18 Pride Parade



“Dear Parents,
Tag...You're It!”

~ Love, Teachers

”

County, thank you for the continued trust and privilege of serving as your Local President. It is an honour to represent you, and I look forward to continuing our work together in the coming year.

As summer begins, I hope you take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the people and activities that bring you happiness. Wishing you a wonderful, safe, and well-deserved summer break.

Desiree Daniele
Local President, Halifax County

Article 60 Course Reimbursement Top-Up

Members who have submitted eligible courses under Article 60 will receive an additional reimbursement of **30% of the original course cost**, bringing the **total reimbursement to 60% of the course cost**.

The payout date will be determined by HRCE. Reimbursements will be issued via e-transfer to the banking information currently on file.



Halifax County Retirement Event

SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026

On June 27th, we had the pleasure of recognizing 28 outstanding NSTU members as they celebrated their retirement and the remarkable careers they have built over the years. The evening was filled with heartfelt moments, shared memories, appreciation, and plenty of smiles.

To each retiree, thank you for your dedication, commitment, and the positive difference you have made throughout your time with HRCE. Your contributions have left a lasting legacy, and we wish you happiness and success as you begin this exciting new journey.



Special thanks to Gale Doyle and the Social and Wellness Committee for planning such a wonderful celebration, and to Jonathon Sproul for expertly managing all of the behind-the-scenes audiovisual support that helped make the evening so special.

Thank you as well to everyone who attended and helped celebrate these exceptional individuals and the many contributions they have made to our Local and community.

Congratulations to our Retiring Class of 2026!



To relive the memories, check out our Facebook group, Halifax County Local NSTU, for plenty of photos capturing this memorable evening of celebration and recognition.

2026 Staffing Timelines

July 8 (12pm)	Summer term posting goes live
Aug 17 (12pm)	Summer term posting closes
Aug 19 (12pm)	Weekly Term postings resume



Three to Thrive

Six quick, practical tips to help us recharge, stay balanced, and thrive over summer break.

Drink your coffee while it's still hot - this is a luxury usually reserved for royalty and people who don't teach children

Practice saying, "I'll think about that in August." - it's a powerful mindfulness exercise

Take a nap in the middle of the day - call it "professional development in energy management"

Forget what day it is at least once a week - that's the official sign you're finally relaxing

Leave your "teacher bag" untouched - if it still contains granola bars and mystery papers in August, so be it

Give yourself Teacher of the Year for surviving another school year - the trophy can be an extra scoop of ice cream!



NSTU Building Shutdown

Please be advised that the Annual NSTU building shutdown will take place from **July 20 to July 31, 2026**. Further details will be shared as they become available from NSTU Central Office.



KNOW YOUR CONTRACT(S)

TEACHERS' PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT (TPA) - ARTICLE 25 SCHOOL YEAR

25.05 Days pursuant to 25.04 shall, with the approval of the Education Entity and the Regional Education Officer, be designated for use as follows:

(i) up to two (2) days per teacher per year for organization purposes;

(ia) two hundred forty (240) minutes for organization purposes of the school year shall be uninterrupted time (not necessarily consecutive) allocated for professional duties as determined by the teacher prior to the first instructional day for students.

*** The above is an excerpt. Refer to TPA for entire Article.



JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES
IN CELEBRATING

HFx PRIDE



More details in our
Facebook event:

"Hfx Pride Parade
- NSTU Members"



#NSTUpride

SAT. JULY 18, 2026

MEET AT 11:30AM

Bring a colleague, friends, or
family (pets, too!) and walk with us



Invites
You
To
The...

Labour Day Rally '26!



**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER
7TH, 2026**

**Save The
Date!**

Meet At:
NS Labour Board
1601 Lower Water St.

March To:
Peace And
Friendship Park

More details to come!
Follow our socials
or email
halifaxcountylocal@nstu.ca
with any questions

