



The CHECK IN

Sept 3, 2024
Issue 1

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a refreshing break and are ready to dive into the exciting opportunities and challenges ahead. As we embark on this year, I want to express my gratitude for your continued dedication and hard work.

Thank you for the trust you've placed in me as your Local President. I'm eager to work alongside you, tackle the issues we face, and strive for excellence together. Your commitment is what makes our union strong, and I'm confident that with our collective efforts, we will achieve great things this year. Here's to a successful and fulfilling year ahead!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 3 School Organization Day
- Sept 4 Professional Development Day
- Sept 5 First Day of School for Students
- Sept 25 General Meeting
- Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



SITE REP ELECTIONS

Being a site Representative is an excellent introduction to the NSTU and also a great way to meet colleagues and share as professionals. On the Organization Day in September there should be a call for nominations among the NSTU members at your school/site.

Election Guidelines:

- Educational sites with up to 25 members = 1 Rep
- Educational sites with 26-50 members = 2 Reps
- Educational sites with over 50 members = 3 Reps

The educational site shall also be entitled to an equal number of alternate representatives.

If there are more nominations than spots available, election via secret ballot vote should be held.

Site Representatives are asked to fill out the [Google Form](#) please.

“Today is the first blank page of a 195 page book. Write a good one!”
~ Brad Paisly (adapted)

Deals & Discounts

GENERAL MEETINGS:

General Meetings are held at the Royal Canadian Legion located at 45 Sackville Cross Rd, Lower Sackville, NS B4C 2M2.
Arrival 5:30pm (dinner) for 6:00pm start.

September 25
October 23
November 27
January 15
March 5
April 9
May 7
June 4

Halifax County Local C.D.A.F. (Curriculum Development Assistance Fund)

This fund was initiated to financially support Halifax County teachers to develop long term project ideas that align with grade/teaching assignment. These projects must be self-sustaining and contain non-consumables. As a result of this support, students benefit from enhanced learning experiences.

Availability: Once per year.

Amount: Up to \$750

Eligibility: Must be a permanent, probationary or term teacher of the Halifax County Local only.

Deadline: 4:00pm October 31, 2024

DID YOU KNOW?



The Halifax County Local general meetings are held 8 times per year and are open to ALL active and reserve county members. They are a great opportunity to learn more about union matters, network with colleagues and get engaged.

INTERESTING FACT

Members of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) recently showcased their solidarity and commitment to social justice by attending both the Pride Parade and the Labour Day Rally here in Halifax. At the Pride Parade, NSTU members marched with colorful banners and placards, celebrating diversity and advocating for 2SLGBTQIA+ rights. Their participation highlighted the union's dedication to creating inclusive and safe environments for all students and staff. The same spirit of unity and activism was displayed at the Labour Day Rally this past Monday. Here, NSTU members joined forces with other labor unions and community groups to demand fair treatment, equitable wages, and safer workplaces. Their presence at both events underscored the union's broader commitment to equality, solidarity, and the well-being of the community.

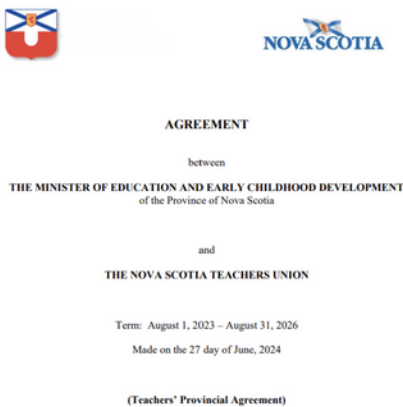


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Let's Talk Contracts...

Both the Teachers' Provincial Agreement (TPA) and the Regional Agreement have some changes. Be sure to have a look!

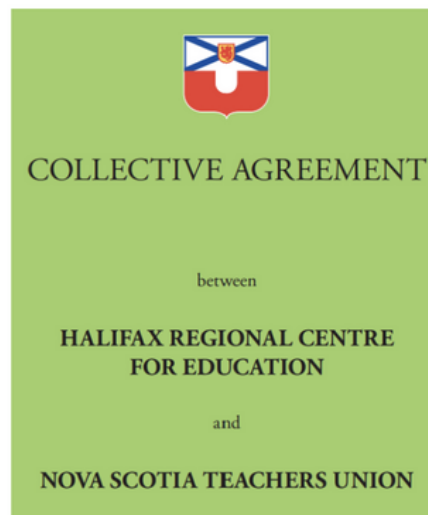
Provincial Agreement



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Regional Agreement



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Welcome Back to Wally Fiander, our NSTU staff officer. You can reach Wally at wfiander@staff.nstu.ca or by calling central office at 902 477 5621

NSTU WEBMAIL



In order to ensure you continue to receive timely and important information from the NSTU, all NSTU members are urged to visit www.nstucentral.ca to update your membership registry profile with your preferred non-employer and non-nstu.ca email address. You may also want to update your cell phone number if you are interested in receiving text updates.



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KNOW YOUR CONTRACT(S)

Teachers' Provincial Agreement (TPA)
Article 25 SCHOOL YEAR

25.05 - (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.