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Teachers gather for CONTACT 2012

Seventy teachers from Atlantic Canada will gather at St. F.X. University in Antigonish for the annual CONTACT (Conference on New Techniques and Classroom Teaching) starting today through August 10, 2012.

“Effective teaching requires on-going professional development, and this opportunity allows teachers to choose what PD works best for them and suits their needs,” says new NSTU president Shelley Morse. “It brings teachers together to share best practices and ideas, reflect on experiences and celebrate teaching. It is one of the best opportunities for classroom teachers to network with their Atlantic Canadian colleagues.”

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) is hosting this year’s conference presenting the theme *Cirque du School Eh!* Highlights of the event include the following plenary sessions: *Teaching: The Greatest Show on Earth*, presented by Paula Danyluk-MacDonald, principal at Caldwell Road Elementary; *The Cast of Characters: Synergy! It is the Key for Success*, presented by Danyluk-MacDonald and Meg Ferguson, Auburn High School teacher; and *The Show Must Go On*, presented by Ferguson.

In addition to the plenary sessions, other sessions focus on practical, effective techniques to address issues such as the classroom environment, the engaging classroom, dealing with other adults in the classroom, and cyber bullying and digital citizenship.

CONTACT is a regional conference organized by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, the New Brunswick Teachers’ Association, association des enseignantes et des enseignants francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick, Prince Edward Island Teachers’ Federation and the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers’ Association. It provides teachers with the opportunity to remain current in their profession and make contact with colleagues from the Atlantic region.

For more information about CONTACT 2012 visit the NSTU website at www.nstu.ca and go to Learning Opportunities under the professional development banner. CONTACT is one of many professional development opportunities available to Nova Scotia teachers this summer. A complete list is available on the NSTU website under Summer Learning Opportunities in the professional development area.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents more than 11,000 public school teachers in Nova Scotia and Community College faculty and professional support staff. Since 1895, it has worked to improve the quality of public education in Nova Scotia.