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Celebrating quality education for World Teachers' Day

Teachers in Nova Scotia and across Canada will join more than 30 million of their colleagues around the globe marking World Teachers' Day on October 5. *It All Starts with a Qualified Teacher* is this year's theme. Under the auspices of Education International (EI) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) this year's theme highlights Education International's (EI) Unite for Quality Education campaign which urged governments around the world to make quality education a developmental priority and to support the global campaign to get all girls in school.

"This annual celebration of our proud profession, draws the need to raise the status of the profession and acknowledge the indispensable role teachers play in building the future," says NSTU president Shelley Morse.

This year's theme highlights the role teachers play in the development of high quality, equitable education for all students.

"We should be proud of the quality of our teaching force in Nova Scotia," says NSTU president Shelley Morse. "We need to continue to ensure that teachers are given the opportunities for professional growth, that quality tools and resources are available, and that supportive and safe environments are provided to enable our teachers to teach effectively and our students to learn productively."

World Teachers' Day is an annual celebration of the valuable work of teachers in Canada and around the globe. It was the brainchild of former Canadian teacher leader Norman Goble. First recognized in 1994, consecutive Nova Scotia provincial leaders have proclaimed the day since 1995.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents more than 10,000 public school teachers, Community College faculty and professional support staff in Nova Scotia, and teachers who work for the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Since 1895, it has worked to improve the quality of public education for children and youth in Nova Scotia, while promoting and advancing the teaching profession.

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