

**AGM/AGA**  
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## **CANDIDATE FOR CTF/FCE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE**

**Connie Keating, NBTA**

### **Election Statement**

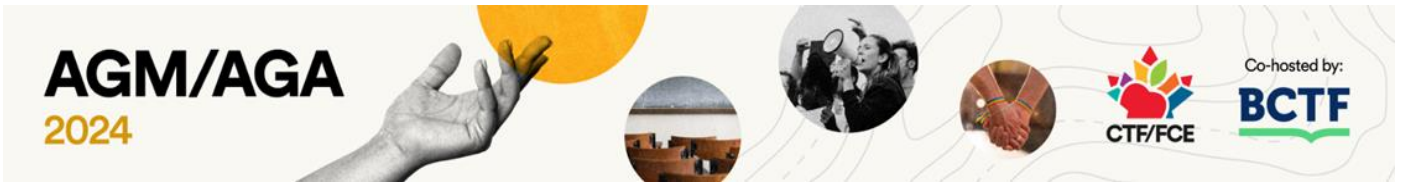
Teachers are agents for positive change in Canadian communities as we continue to adapt to troubling times at home and abroad. I have learned many valuable lessons in my time leading the New Brunswick Teachers' Association, co-leading the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation and most recently as Vice President of the CTF/FCE while juggling a full-time teaching load in my ever-diversifying K-12 school.

Having a sense of agency and purpose inside ongoing flux and remembering that small power can be meaningful power is how we 'right ourselves inside a storm that shows no sign of abating.' Michelle Obama's words have guided me in my classroom and reminded teacher organizations that small actions are impactful in influencing what we cannot control. By acting together on common issues, our 365 000 voices will be heard.



Publicly funded public education across Canada continues to maneuver significant challenges: shortage of qualified teachers, violence in schools, privatization, and complex needs in classrooms. Government decisions beyond our control cannot destabilize the resolve of Canadian teachers who remain united in solidarity.

A vote for Connie Keating means an experienced voice for CTF/FCE, committed to amplifying the voice of our provincial member organizations and our federation within Canada and beyond.



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#### Biographical Sketch

Connie Keating is a committed CTF/FCE Vice-President and past President of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association (NBTA) and the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation (NBTF). During her presidency, she encouraged her 9,000 members to use their voices with 'zest', and the lemon became symbolic for publicly funded public education and teachers in NB.

Presently, Connie is a passionate classroom teacher in a K-12 school, a member of the CTF/FCE AGM work group, and trustee of the CTF/FCE Trust Fund. She is the Executive liaison to the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women and a 2024 CTF/FCE Women's Symposium organizing committee member. She is featured in the CTF/FCE resource, *Fem Lead Fem* guiding those identifying as women to pursue leadership within their teacher organization. The CTF/FCE podcast Source also highlighted her leadership journey this past year.



Locally, Connie spent six years as an NBTA/NBTF board member and two years as an NBTA/NBTF Executive member. She served three terms as president of her local branch and was a member of several NBTA committees, including co-chairing the provincial conference in 2014.

Connie holds a B.A. and B.Ed. from Mount Allison University and a master's level certificate in literacy from Crandall University.