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World Teachers' Day Statement - Teachers Helping Students Make Sense of This World

(St. John's, NL) - The Council of Atlantic Provinces and Territory Teachers' Organizations (CAPTTO) who met in St. John's, NL last week has issued the following joint statement on World Teachers' Day. CAPTTO is comprised of the provincial teacher organizations for New Brunswick (NBTA, AEFNB, NBTF), Newfoundland and Labrador (NLTA), Nova Scotia (NSTU), Nunavut (NTA) and Prince Edward Island (PEITF).

On this World Teachers' Day, the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF/FCE) and other organizations representing teachers across the country are celebrating the work our members do to ensure all children have a brighter future through the theme: *Teachers: making sense of our world*. This year's theme is both a reminder of educators' great worth and an anchoring thought for those who support them.

In these turbulent and stressful times children and youth, more than ever, are looking for answers about where and how they fit into society. By working to create inclusive and safe spaces where students are free to express themselves in the absence of fear or discrimination, teachers are empowering students to discover their authentic voice.

Teachers equip each successive generation with the knowledge and skills to think for themselves, understand the value of collaboration, broaden their understanding and perspectives, and enable them to contribute positively to their communities.

On World Teachers' Day 2023, we wish to express our admiration and thanks to teachers across our region and Canada for the amazing work they do each and every day in support of students. We also renew our promise to protect the rights of teachers and to advocate for a strong, publicly funded public education system.

As part of this commitment, we are calling on governments and education entities to fulfill their obligation of ensuring that every classroom in every school is provided with adequate resources to meet the complicated and diverse needs of all students. Every child deserves a healthy learning environment where they can thrive and reach their potential. Unfortunately, at the present moment, this just isn't the case. Greater investment and effort is needed to brighten the future of every student.

Please help us support Canadian teachers by challenging governments to take a hard look at the conditions facing publicly funded education. We can and must do better for our kids and their teachers.

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