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Shaping a Bright Future for Students – NBTA stresses that working with teachers to address challenges will make all the difference

FREDERICTON (NBTA)— Over one hundred and twenty-five voting teacher delegates, visitors and guests are gathered in Fredericton at the New Brunswick Teachers' Association's annual general meeting on May 27-28, 2022. These teachers and school-based administrators are deliberating the many opportunities to improve publicly funded public education. Key actions that would have an immediate impact next school year if prioritized now include:

- Equipping each school with the human resources and additional professional supports required to help address the student mental health challenges and learning gaps which have intensified since the pandemic.
- Increasing strategic investments as recommended in the *Moving Forward: From Policy to Practice* EECD report so that teachers can respond to the growing diversity of learner profiles in today's complex classrooms.
- Bolstering teacher retention efforts with made-in-New Brunswick innovations to retain our highly skilled and experienced certified teachers through focusing on measures to support their workplace flexibility, wellness, mental health, and professional growth.
- Co-constructing solutions to address the shortage of certified teachers, by attracting future students to New Brunswick's teacher education programs and supporting early-career teachers with robust mentorship programs.

“By planting the seeds of prosperity in New Brunswick one student at a time, teachers make a difference. As we set our sights on shaping a brighter tomorrow, the NBTA calls upon the government to align its priorities with those identified by its teachers and school-based administrators. We are excited to explore these possibilities and we remain committed to working with our partners and stakeholders for the betterment of public education,” stated NBTA President Connie Keating.

The New Brunswick Teachers' Association is the respected collective of its 6,500 members and works in collaboration with public education stakeholders to advocate for the teaching profession, influence public policy, and offer opportunities for professional growth.

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