

Memo #11

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To: Executive/Members

From: **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; Truth and Reconciliation; Solidarity with Nova Scotia Teacher's Union**

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

The United Nations General Assembly designated **November 25** as the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**. The premise of the day is to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence; furthermore, one of the aims of the day is to highlight that the scale and true nature of the issue is often hidden.

From 25 November through 10 December, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence aim to raise public awareness and mobilizing people everywhere to bring about change. With this in mind, NDP MP Peggy Sattler has a Private members Bill before the house - Bill 26 seeking paid leave for victims of Sexual and Domestic violence. There is a petition on Ms. Sattler's website you may wish to print off and sign, in this small way you can help bring about much needed change.

<http://peggysattler.ca/wp-content/uploads/peggysattler.ca/2015/12/Bill-26.pdf>.

Truth and Reconciliation

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) at the University of Manitoba and the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) are proud to launch a new teacher resource called **Truth and Reconciliation: What is it about?**

The resource aims to educate students about residential schools and set them on the path to reconciliation by increasing knowledge, fostering understanding, and promoting social action. The document includes firsthand accounts from students expressed through words, thoughts, drawings, and poems.

The booklet is available for \$3 **HERE** (discounts for bulk orders).

Solidarity with Nova Scotia Teacher's Union

As I am sure you are aware the Nova Scotia Teacher's Union is in a tremendous struggle with their employers. I am forwarding the information and request from CTF for all of us to show our support for these teachers who simply want a fair collective agreement.

Please see: www.ActForEducation.ca, a new NSTU website that tells stories about the realities and joys of the teaching profession and suggests actions <http://actforeducation.ca/take-action> to support NSTU.

To show our solidarity with NSTU, CTF Member organizations are invited to share [ActForEducation.ca](http://actforeducation.ca) <http://actforeducation.ca/> on social media with the hashtag #Act4Ed. Possible tweets:

I support teachers in their fight for better education in NS. See how you can help. <http://ActForEducation.ca>
#Act4Ed

Nova Scotia teachers are taking a stand for better education in the province to improve our collective future.
<http://ActForEducation.ca>

**If you have any concerns, please contact the Unit office at 705-733-9625 or 1 800 558 4815
Thank you for sharing this information with OECTA members.**