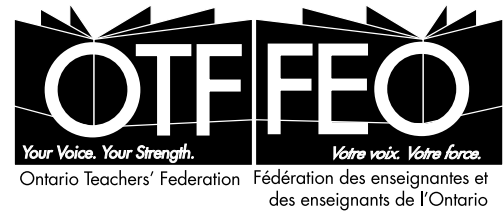


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TEACHER FROM BLIND RIVER NEW OTF PRESIDENT

TORONTO, September 6, 2011 — The OTF Board of Governors on August 24, 2011 elected Blind River teacher Francine LeBlanc-Lebel as the 68th President of the Ontario Teachers' Federation at its Annual Meeting in Ottawa.

A teacher for more than three decades, Francine LeBlanc-Lebel is a graduate of Laurentian University.

A true northerner, LeBlanc-Lebel has been with the same school board for her entire career teaching Grades 6 and 7 in our francophone school system. She is now teaching the sons and daughters of some of her former pupils.

LeBlanc-Lebel has been very active in her Affiliate—l'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO)— since the early 80's serving as a negotiator for as well as a member of its Provincial Executive. She has also been a Governor of the Ontario Teachers' Federation and a member of its Executive.

During her initial address as President, LeBlanc-Lebel encouraged teachers to register as organ donors saying, "Being an organ donor and registering that intention can make a difference in so many other lives, it is in keeping with the moral purpose of teaching."

While serving as OTF President, Francine LeBlanc-Lebel is on leave from le Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario.

Also elected at the same meeting were:

Past President:	Rian McLaughlin, Hamilton
First Vice-President:	George (Joe) Lamoureux, Barrie
Second Vice-President:	Julie Pauletig, York Region

The Ontario Teachers' Federation is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all the publicly funded schools in the province—elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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