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OTF ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

TORONTO, September 8, 2015 — On August 25, 2015, the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) Board of Governors elected Blind River teacher Francine LeBlanc-Lebel as the 72nd President of the Ontario Teachers' Federation at its Annual Meeting in Kingston.

LeBlanc-Lebel, a member of l'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO), has been active on the provincial level of AEFO for many years. Her experience includes negotiating as well as serving on the AEFO Provincial Executive. She has also been a Governor, Executive member and previous president of OTF.

A teacher for more than three decades, LeBlanc-Lebel is a graduate of Laurentian University. A true northerner, she has been with le Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario for her entire teaching career.

"I will continue to promote OTF's role of being the unifying voice in safeguarding the teaching profession, teachers' pension, and public education in Ontario," stated LeBlanc-Lebel in her opening remarks as President.

Also elected at the same meeting were:

Past President:	Diane Dewing, Kemptville
First Vice-President:	Michael Foulds, Owen Sound
Second Vice-President:	Chris Cowley, Brantford

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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