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THANK A TEACHER TODAY!

TORONTO, October 5, 2015 — “World Teachers’ Day is our opportunity to thank Ontario’s teachers for their outstanding contributions, both in the classroom and beyond,” states Francine LeBlanc-Lebel, President of the Ontario Teachers’ Federation (OTF).

“Ontario’s public education system is recognized as one of the best in the world. Our teachers are a major reason for this recognition,” adds LeBlanc-Lebel. “Teachers are the foundation of our schools. They are in the classroom daily to ensure our youth receive an education which prepares them for the future. They are truly the voice of public education.”

World Teachers’ Day, marked every year on October 5, was proclaimed in 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to recognize the contributions of teachers around the world to society.

Annually, the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP) and OTF recognize the excellence of Ontario’s teachers in publicly funded schools with the presentation of the OTIP Teaching Awards for excellence. This year, the outstanding teachers were Sandra Dubreuil, W.H. Morden Public School, Oakville in the Beginning Teacher Category; Melanie Brown-Robson, Lakeview Public School, Grimsby in the Elementary Teacher Category; and Jim Magwood, Lisgar Collegiate Institute, Ottawa in the Secondary Teacher Category.

“These teachers are representative of the excellence of all teachers in Ontario’s publicly funded education system. I hope that everyone takes a moment on World Teachers’ Day to thank a teacher,” concludes LeBlanc-Lebel.

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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