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## Thank you, teachers!

**TORONTO, October 5, 2020** - "Today on World Teachers' Day, the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) thanks teachers in Ontario, Canada and across the world for their perseverance and dedication to making the world a better place," states Parker Robinson, President of the Ontario Teachers' Federation.

This year, the Canadian Teachers' Federation has chosen the theme, "Teaching for a better world: Together in strength and solidarity," for World Teachers' Day.

"In these uncertain times, we are not alone. Educators across Canada and indeed, around the world, are facing similar issues," states Robinson. "In solidarity with teachers everywhere, Ontario's teachers have and always will put students first to prepare them for their future."

"Ontario's teachers are the foundation for the excellence of our publicly funded education system. They always go the 'extra mile' to ensure students receive the quality education to prepare them for the workforce, for positive contributions to society and for meeting the demands of an ever-changing world."

World Teachers' Day, recognized 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.

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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