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Brantford teacher elected President

TORONTO, August 25, 2021 — At its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) Board of Governors elected Brantford teacher, Chris Cowley, as the 78th OTF President.

Cowley obtained his honours B.A., B. Ed and M.ED. from Western University. From 2004, he has taught Canadian and World Studies and Religious Studies at St. John's College in Brantford.

Since 2005, Cowley has been active in the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) both locally and provincially. From 2010 to present, he has served in the positions of OTF Governor and Table Officer on the provincial executive.

Chris' career has been guided by his dedication to publicly funded education, OTF members and students. "As we continue to navigate the pandemic in our schools, teachers will be a voice for students and advocate for the resources needed to keep our classrooms safe" Cowley states. "OTF has always stood for a quality, publicly funded education system, and as we begin a new school year and work to mitigate the threat of COVID-19, OTF will continue this advocacy."

Also elected at the same meeting were:

Past President:	Michael Foulds, Owen Sound
First Vice-President:	Nathan Core, Waterloo
Second Vice-President:	Yves Durocher, Leamington

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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