



**Remarks by Nathan Core, Incoming President to the OTF Board of Governors,
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Bonjour, Il est important pour moi de commencer mes commentaires en français.

Je ne parle pas très bien le français mais je ferai mieux.

Mon fils commence l'immersion française cet automne. C'est une opportunité que je n'ai pas eue.

As I was at the front of the room, I looked around and noticed many colleagues who I have learned from and whom I respect. I want to thank ETFO for all the support they have provided as well as the OTF Executive and Governors.

There is an incredible amount of respect and compassion at the Executive table. The collaboration stems from the four Affiliate Presidents and that collaboration will be imperative for their upcoming negotiations that they are engaged in.

I think we need to recognize the historic work that the four Affiliate presidents will be taking on this year. OTF needs to be standing behind them and supporting them.

OTF is a steady hand: the hand that will push back on the privatization of public education and the steady hand that will push the OCT to stay within their mandate. OTF is the steady hand that will ensure that pension promise that is so important to our members is maintained.

I look forward to working with all of you. And to the OTF staff, I am looking forward to making sure we have that steady hand at OTF.