

Working Groups are action-oriented teams whose aim is to address key issues for teachers. For 2025-2027, there will be **eight** areas of focus – see below.

Each Working Group will consist of 8 Members for a two-year mandate; MTS Staff and members of the Provincial Executive also add to this compliment. Working Groups activities and outreach will emphasize the Society's mission, objects, and goals. (listed on the vertical).

PLEASE NOTE: This list of topics is not exhaustive. Initial themes were obtained through the *MTS EDUCATE US: MB Teacher Perspectives Survey*.

CAUSE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

1. EDUCATION FUNDING WORKING GROUP

The Education Funding Working Group looks to address the following topics:

- Staffing
- Budget
- Bargaining
- Class size
- Lack of resources
- Funding model

2. PROTECTING PUBLIC EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

The Protecting Public Education Working Group looks to address the following topics:

- Technology
- Privatization
- Regulation
- Deprofessionalization
- Autonomy

WELFARE OF TEACHERS

3. ADDRESSING VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE WORKING GROUP

The Addressing Violence in Schools Working Group looks to address the following topics:

- Physical safety – staff and students
- Psychological safety – staff and students
- Training
- Reporting

4. MEMBER WELL-BEING WORKING GROUP

The Member Well-Being Working Group looks to address the following topics:

- Workload
- Burnout
- Autonomy
- Balance and boundaries
- Mental health resources

TRUTH, RECONCILIATION & JUSTICE

5. COUNTERING HATE WORKING GROUP

The Countering Hate Working Group looks to address the following topics:

- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion advocacy
- Anti-Hate
- Rise of alt-right

6. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP

The Truth and Reconciling Working Group looks to address the following topics:

- Indigenous education
- Treaty education
- Building relationships with Indigenous communities
- Representation

STATUS OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION

7. PROMOTING THE PROFESSION WORKING GROUP

The Promoting the Profession Working Group looks to address the following topics:

- Connection with parents, families and society
- Public image
- Recruitment, retention and promotion

8. PRACTICING THE PROFESSION WORKING GROUP

The Practicing the Profession Working Group looks to address the following topics:

- Trends in education:
 - Reading recovery
 - SEL
 - Trauma informed assessment
 - Global Competencies
 - AI
- Assisting Internationally trained teachers, pre-service, early service, substitutes and those at various stages in career