

ELECTION STATEMENT

Carla Bouchard

Two years ago when first elected to the Provincial Executive for the Manitoba Teachers' Society, I was anticipating and preparing with cautious optimism to face the results of the K-12 Education Review. None of us could have imagined what we would find ourselves facing instead, or that it would be so many months before the results of the review were finally made public. Yet, we now have the long-awaited report, along with Bill 64, and as a result are called to action by our desire to protect and advance public education and its most important asset- teachers.

The issues that I am passionate about have been brought even more to the forefront through recent events. We have all become more aware of the inequities in our province- along gender, race, political, socioeconomic, and rural vs urban divides, issues that teachers fight every day to rectify. The danger of a government that does not listen to the people it represents, does not grow and learn and commit to doing better, has been felt in real and profound ways by many in our province. Through the struggle and heartache of the last year, I have found a renewed and deepened passion for impactful and unifying conversations, government lobbying, and strengthening connections with our partners in education. If re-elected to PX, I will continue to pursue these passions on behalf of all Manitoba teachers, and in support of good quality, properly funded public education.

BIOGRAPHY

Carla Bouchard

Carla Bouchard has been a teacher in the Pembina Trails School Division (PTTA) for 16 years. She has experience at the early, middle, and senior years levels, as a classroom teacher and as a resource teacher. She has a Post Baccalaureate in Special Education, a Level 1 Administrator Certificate, and a Special Education Coordinator Certificate. Carla is a passionate advocate for students with disabilities transitioning successfully into adulthood, for anti-racist education in the classroom, and for supporting students struggling with poverty.



First elected as a member-at-large of the Provincial Executive in 2019, Carla has worked on behalf of members for the last two years in the following ways:

- Delegate of the Canadian Teachers' Federation to the Education International (EI) 8th World Congress
- Canadian Teachers' Federation Committee
- Teacher Education and Certification Committee
- MTS Administrative Staff Bargaining Committee
- Provincial Evaluations Committee
- Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) Focus Group
- Human Resources Committee
- MFL Feasibility Committee
- Delegate of Education International to the United Nations 65th Commission on the Status of Women
- Certificate in Foundations of Trust Management Standards
- Attendee at Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education

In addition, Carla has served at the local level in the following roles:

- Treasurer 2017- 2020
- Collective Bargaining Table Team- 2014-2015
- Collective Bargaining Committee- 2012-2019

Carla is a parent to two school aged children who attend school in the Division scolaire franco-manitobaine and is a strong supporter of French language education in Manitoba.