

## ELECTION STATEMENT

### CATHY PELLIZZARO

It has been an honour to serve as a member of the Provincial Executive. The experience has taught me about the needs, goals, and challenges facing our membership. I am seeking your support so that I may use my knowledge and expertise to represent all MTS members.

Over the last century, we have witnessed the resolve and victories by teachers of which we are all proud. However, battles never stay won. We must stand determined to see the achievements of MTS and its members safeguarded and enhanced.

The membership continues to be faced with challenges. Bill 28 threatened our bargaining rights. Bill 64 would have silenced many voices across the province. We need to continually review all education legislation and act when required so that education is fair and equitable for all in the province. To be successful in addressing these challenges, we must stand with purpose and resolve; it's in our solidarity and unity that we find the strength to be successful.

Our work is at its best when it reflects the virtues and values of our membership. We must act in a fair, open, and transparent manner. We must be prepared to listen to all viewpoints. The more we share our perspectives, the more refined our decisions will be. This can only strengthen MTS and thus secure teachers' interests.

This is the MTS I want to work for and I shall always be focused on serving the teachers of Manitoba.

United we stand!

## BIOGRAPHY

### CATHY PELLIZZARO

Cathy is in her third decade of dedicated service to the Society. Throughout her career, Cathy has served locally as president, vice-president, Equity and Social Justice chair, Benefits chair, Equality in Education chair and on the bargaining team.

As an elected member of Provincial Executive, Cathy served as chair of the Equity and Social Justice Committee and Young Humanitarian Awards Committee, member of the Provincial Bargaining Committee and liaison with the Newcomer Education Coalition, Educators of Colour Network and the CMHR Anti-Racism Committee. She also served as regional liaison to both the Parkland and Metro regions. Both locally and provincially, Cathy continues to bring teachers, students, and the greater community together to affect positive change.



Cathy possesses the Certificate of Achievement in Foundations of Trust Management Standards (FTMS) as well as the Advanced Trust Management Standards (ATMSA) certificate. Her knowledge and understanding of governance ensure her decisions are always of a high standard and always in the best interest of all members.

Cathy teaches early literacy intervention with the School District of Mystery Lake in Thompson. She has taught Kindergarten to Grade Five and Reading Recovery. She holds a Master of Education in Literacy. She shares her knowledge through presentations on literacy strategies and ideas which teachers can use. She has co-authored five workbooks focusing on literacy and math skills.

Cathy enjoys travelling, meeting people, and spending her spare time as the Thompson General Hospital gift shop manager.

Cathy finds working for members to be truly rewarding.