

# ELECTION STATEMENT

## CHRIS DARAZSI

Colleagues and friends,

I am seeking re-election for a third term on the Manitoba Teachers' Society Provincial Executive. After two very active two-year terms, I'm hoping to have your confidence, support, and vote, to allow me to continue to be a proven voice for all 16,000+ members of the Society, across Manitoba.

During my four years on Provincial Executive, I have not only served as a member or chair of a wide range of committees, but I've also had the pleasure of being the liaison to the South Central, Northern, and Lakewood regions. I've seen the wide range of needs and concerns of members across Manitoba but one thing they all have in common is the desire for voice. I've always done everything I can to make sure those voices get heard at the provincial table.

Through 17 years of teaching and six years of full-time Local association leadership, I've seen a lot of changes in education. The death-by-a-thousand-papercuts reduction in education funding over the years has slowly but unquestionably hurt public education, and in the throes of a global pandemic we have hit a breaking point. Teachers and students alike are feeling the effects of chronic underfunding and addressing this needs to be near the top of our priority list. It not only affects salaries, but safety, workload, additional student supports, class size, and more.

I'm asking for your support to continue being a voice for all MTS members throughout Manitoba.

Thank-you for your support.

## BIOGRAPHY

### CHRIS DARAZSI

Chris began his teaching career in 1999 as the itinerant band teacher in Flin Flon, before moving back to Winnipeg where he taught in the St. Vital (Louis Riel) School Division before heading over to River East Transcona in 2005.

After 17 years teaching in French Immersion schools, Chris has spent the last six years working full time for members of the River East Transcona Teachers' Association (RETTA), currently serving as president. During these last six years he has gained considerable experience that includes collective bargaining, professional development, resolutions, public relations, Workplace Safety & Health, and regular liaison meetings with school board trustees and the superintendents team.



Chris is also proud to have served members as a member at large on the MTS Provincial Executive in many capacities:

- Chair, Collective Bargaining Standing Committee (2021-22)
- Member, Provincial Bargaining Committee (2021-22)
- Member, Audit Committee (2020-22)
- Member, Support Staff Negotiations Committee (2018-19 and 2021-22)
- Member, Land Acknowledgement Ad Hoc Committee (2022)
- Member, Political Action Committee (2019-22)
- Chair, Workplace Safety & Health Standing Committee (2020-21)
- Chair, Disability Benefits Plan Committee (2018-20)
- Member, Disability Benefits Plan Investments Committee (2018-20)
- Member, Human Resources Committee (2018-20)

Chris is also an active blood donor with 150+ donations to date and is also an advocate for animal rescues in Manitoba. He currently lives in North Kildonan with his partner Joanne, step-daughter Veronica, two rescue dogs Norman and Zoey, and a large cat. He is grateful for the unwavering support of his family, friends and colleagues.