## The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers

October 5 is World Teachers' Day, and on behalf of Elk Island Public Schools, I wish to acknowledge and thank teachers for the commitment, professionalism and kindness they've demonstrated in the midst of unprecedented challenges these past few years.

This year's theme was chosen in respect to teachers' diligent and determined efforts in the crucial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. When so much was put on hold and isolation became necessary for the protection of our communities, teachers knew education remained an essential component of children's lives. When circumstances dictated the ways in which learning was undertaken had to change, teachers stepped up and provided that same learning in new and innovative ways—even while they and their families faced their own issues related to the pandemic.

This school year looks very different for both teachers and students, but that same innovative spirit, energy and unconditional support persists in the classrooms. The commitment to each student's individual path towards growth and success has persisted through everything. The Board of Trustees could not be prouder of the way you continue to inspire and motivate the children in your classes.

Thank you for your enduring passion for teaching, for facing such challenging times hand-in-hand with our students, and for serving as models of perseverance and dedication for all of us.

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