



## NOMINATION FOR THE WAYNE NIGHTINGALE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented to the Board of Directors of the NBTF

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The New Brunswick Teachers' Federation is pleased to nominate **Marilyn Boudreau** for the *Wayne Nightingale Achievement Award*.

A teacher by training, Marilyn completed a bachelor's degree with concentrations in French, English, and Dramatic Arts at the Université de Moncton. She also holds a master's degree in language sciences from the same university.

Marilyn began teaching in Matane, Quebec in 1982. After returning to school in 1986, she chose to pursue her teaching career in the province of New Brunswick. She first taught French in Francophone School District 1 (South) at École L.-J.-R. in Shediac, and then went on to teach French and drama at École Mathieu-Martin in Dieppe. At this school, Marilyn was the head of the Fine Arts and French Departments and the coordinator of the International Baccalaureate.

Marilyn became involved in community life and over the years, she was president of Cercle 13 and served as a member of the boards of directors and executive committees of the AEFNB and the NBTF. This experience provided her with essential knowledge to analyze and understand the issues of the school system in NB.

In 2002, the Ministry of Education awarded her the *Excellence in Education Award* for her leadership, professionalism, and passion for education.

In January 2003, Marilyn was eager to take on new challenges and accepted a position as Labour Relations Officer with the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation. With the desire to better serve teachers, she pursued her professional development at Queens University in Ontario where she successfully completed training in *Industrial Relations* and *Negotiations*.

In March 2011, Marilyn Boudreau became the first woman to hold the position of Executive Director of the NBTF.

Throughout her career, Marilyn has placed great importance on working together and developing strong and lasting relationships with the members and staff of the three organizations, school

districts, and all education partners. It is in this spirit that she has organized, supervised, and participated in numerous committees at both the provincial and national levels.

Recognized by her peers for her talent as a communicator, her interpersonal skills, her dedication, and her determination, Marilyn has actively participated in several rounds of negotiations and has brilliantly managed sensitive issues for teachers. These include the addition of supply teachers to the Collective Agreement and reform of the New Brunswick Teachers' Pension Plan.

Marilyn has been a consistent advocate for improving the working conditions of teachers in New Brunswick and across the country. It is no wonder that, despite her retirement, she keeps her finger on the pulse of what's happening in education.

For more than 30 years, students and teachers across the province have benefited from her expertise and wise counsel. She continues to be actively involved as a consultant, especially in the enquiry process. She will never stop supporting the cause of teachers.

For all these reasons, the NBTf team would like the Board of Directors to approve Marilyn Boudreau as the next recipient of the Wayne Nightingale Award of Merit.

