

ELECTION STATEMENT

Jonathan Waite

The future of public education in Manitoba is under attack. With the release of Bill 64, we see what this government has planned. Now is our time to act — all of us must take action. I want to stand together with you and advocate on your behalf as a member-at-large of your Provincial Executive.

There is no doubt that this government is targeting us, labelling public education as "mediocre" while we have been doing everything we can as educators to meet the many needs of our students, even during a global pandemic. This government's plan is to give control of public education to the selected instead of the elected, all the while failing to address the systemic problems of child poverty and inequality. Educators have the preeminent role of teaching, caring for, and supporting all students in public education, and this government must provide the necessary resources and funding to make this happen — anything less is unacceptable. We must hold them accountable.

Our Provincial Executive needs to be laser-focused on the battle being waged against all members of our Society. I have that focus and I am ready to fight for you. During my previous four years serving as a member-at-large, I demonstrated dedication to members' issues, determination to get the job done, and dependability in serving our Society. When elected, I pledge that I will never stop fighting for each and every member during this most hostile period in the 102-year history of MTS.

Thank you for your support.

BIOGRAPHY

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Jonathan is the technology education consultant in the Seine River School Division, where he supports staff and students in all aspects of information technology use. Currently in his twentieth year as a public educator in Manitoba, he has previously served as the president of the Seine River Teachers' Association (2013-2019) and as a member-at-large of the MTS Provincial Executive (2015-2019).



For the past decade, Jonathan has chaired or served on many local and MTS committees. In his local, he is a Council representative and sits on the Collective Bargaining committee. Provincially, he is a member of the MTS Workplace Safety and Health Standing Committee. While he was SRTA president, he helped plan and host the 2012 and 2019 MTS hockey tournaments, as well as the 2016 and 2018 MTS golf tournaments.

Jonathan serves on the Executive Committee of the Manitoba Association of Education Technology Leaders and is recognized as a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert and Trainer (2020-2021).

A proud volunteer in his community, Jonathan is the vice-president of the Carillon Senior Hockey League. As the summer is fast approaching, Jonathan is eager to get back on the golf course or around a backyard fire pit.

Jonathan lives in La Broquerie with Jennifer, his amazing wife of 21 years who works as an educational assistant. He is the proud father of Rebekah, a 2021 graduate headed to university in the fall, and Hannah, who is completing grade 10. Fuzzball, the family dog, seems content to be part of the family.