

## AEFO's New President, Anne Vinet-Roy, Takes Office

OTTAWA, September 1, 2020 — Anne Vinet-Roy, a teacher from the northern Ontario city of Timmins, takes office today as President of the Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO). She was elected by 165 delegates, at AEFO's annual general meeting held last February, to a two-year mandate that begins September 1, 2020, and ends August 31, 2022. She is the 16<sup>th</sup> woman to serve as AEFO President.

Anne Vinet-Roy is very happy that members have trusted her with this mandate and is committed to continue AEFO's work to defend the rights of its 12,600 members.

"I am committed, above all, to listen to AEFO members to support their well-being," said AEFO President Anne Vinet-Roy. "Right now, the pandemic is at the forefront of AEFO's concerns and advocacy. However, during my mandate, I also intend to push forward on other important education issues. I'm thinking in particular of the shortage of French-language teachers in Ontario, which could very well only be made worse by a recent government decision. Indeed, the requirement for beginner teachers to pass mathematical proficiency tests to be allowed to teach is unacceptable and unfounded," adds the new president.

Originally from Eastern Ontario, Anne Vinet-Roy taught in Timmins for more than 20 years. From 2012 to 2019, she was President of District 60A – AEFO Catholic Northeast. She was also First Vice-President of AEFO from 2008 to 2012, and interim AEFO President in 2011 and 2012. Anne-Vinet Roy was a member of the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women of the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) from 2006 to 2010. She represented AEFO members on the Council of the Ontario College of Teachers from 2003 to 2006. More recently, she was President of AEFO's Employee Life and Health Trust, President of the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF), and President of the Association canadienne d'éducation de langue française (ACELF).

AEFO presidents are elected for a two-year mandate, with the possibility of serving two consecutive mandates. Anne Vinet-Roy is replacing Rémi Sabourin, who finished his second mandate on August 31, 2020.

*AEFO has about 12,600 members and represents French-language elementary and high school teachers in Ontario, from both Catholic and public school boards, as well as professional and support staff working in various French-language workplaces.*

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