



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Sam Hammond

This award is presented to individuals who have given meritorious service to education and/or the teaching profession at the provincial/territorial, national or international level.

Nominated by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO)



Across Canada and in his home province of Ontario, Sam Hammond is a fierce social, political, union activist and a leader who defends publicly funded education with relentless enthusiasm and passion.

Teaching all grade levels from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, Sam has extensive elementary teaching experience and involvement in labour organizations. In 2003, Sam was first elected

to the ETFO Provincial Executive. He then served as Vice-President and First Vice-President before becoming President in 2009 until 2021.

He was also a member of the Ontario Teachers' Federation Executive and Board of Governors. At the national level, Sam influences and promotes publicly funded education with the CTF/FCE as a member of the Board of Directors since 2009, Vice-President, President-Designate, chair of numerous CTF/FCE Committees, and President from 2021 to 2023.

Throughout his career, Sam served on the Canadian Labour Congress Canadian Council, the Labour College of Canada Board, the Centre for Labour Management Relations Advisory Committee at Toronto Metropolitan University, and the Ontario Federation of Labour's Executive Board. A recipient of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal and Toronto Pflag's Ally Award, he has spent his life fighting for social justice and continually advocating for the right of every educator and every student to have safe working and learning conditions.