

PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT MATTERS



WHY TEACHER PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

As teachers, we have the education, training, and experience to understand the unique needs of students. This expertise is known as teacher professional judgement.

How Does Teacher Professional Judgement AFFECT YOUR CHILD?

Every day, teachers use our professional judgement to make decisions about how to teach a lesson; which materials and classroom resources to use to support learning; how to interact with students, who all have unique needs and abilities; and how to advocate for more supports for students. We use our professional judgement to help create positive classroom environments and to build constructive relationships with parents and guardians.

Professional judgement helps us determine which assessment tools are best suited to children's learning needs and whether some students might benefit from a different form of learning or assessment to meet their education goals. It helps us understand how to support your child, so they develop curiosity, knowledge, and a lifelong love of learning.

How Can You Support YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER?

Parent-teacher communication is an important part of student well-being and success. Talk to your child's teacher about how their use of professional judgement is making a difference in the classroom and helping meet the needs of your child.

Let your child's school administration know that you support teacher professional judgement. Vote for politicians who understand the value and importance of high-quality, publicly funded education.

Teacher professional judgement matters. It matters to student learning and to teacher professionalism, and it's worth upholding. ETFO has been advocating to protect it for years, and we hope you'll join us in protecting it, too.

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