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| **Tool 2.11 Understanding/Demonstrating the Role of Teacher as Professional/Career-long Learner (TQS 3k)** |

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| **Essential Question:** How do I demonstrate my commitment to the teaching profession and that I am a reflective and continuous learner? |

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1. Do I demonstrate an understanding of the importance of contributing individually to the quality of the school and teaching profession by:
a. engaging in school activities that enhance the learning environment;
b. assisting with teacher preparation as well as provincial curriculum and assessment work, where possible, and
c. participating in a wide range of programs, activities and services to further understand the nature of teaching and learning, enhance professional practice and contribute to the profession, including:
 -maintaining teaching proficiency through the development of professional knowledge and

 competence,

 -being current with changes in educational approaches,
 -holding membership in professional organizations, and

 -attending professional conferences and conventions?

1. Do I demonstrate an understanding of the importance of contributing collegially to the quality of the school and teaching by:
a. engaging in school activities that enhance the learning environment,
b. working with others to develop, coordinate, and implement curriculum, programs and activities,
c. participating in collaboration, shared inquiry and learning from and with peers to enhance professional development/learning and
d. using skills and strategies to function effectively as a team member?
2. Do I demonstrate an understanding of the importance of career-long learning by:
a. being a reflective practitioner, assessing my own professional practice, and continually striving to improve,
b. engaging in ongoing professional development/learning to enhance personal understanding of and ability to analyze the context of teaching and to enhance my pedagogical knowledge and abilities,
c. recognizing my own professional needs and continually striving to positively meet these needs,
d. knowing how to use the findings of self-reflection and feedback from others to select, develop, and implement personal growth plans and professional development/learning activities, and
e. sharing professional expertise to the benefit of others in schools, communities, and the teaching profession.?

4. Do I demonstrate an understanding of the importance of guiding my own actions with a personal ability to articulate a coherent vision of the purpose of teaching by:
a. using this vision to guide actions,
b. refining and redefining this vision in light of ever-changing context, knowledge, understandings, and experiences,
c. maintaining a commitment to teaching practices through which students can achieve optimum learning, and
d. being fully engaged in advancing the objects of the teaching profession.