

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** October 11, 2024  
**Regarding:** **Weekly Update 6**

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## **Diagnostic Assessment**

Accompanying this update is a link to the updated TVDSB memo regarding diagnostic assessment, which aligns to Collective Agreement Article C9.00, Diagnostic Assessment.

## **Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) Climate Change Workgroup**

ETFO Provincial is seeking nominations to the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) Work Group on Climate Change. This work group is resulting from a motion at the CTF AGM which approved the creation of a Work Group on Climate Change to study the impact of climate change on public education and the role of public schools and teachers' unions in addressing climate change.

Accompanying this update is a link to the application form.

## **Panel On Healthcare, Education, and Affordable Housing**

Accompanying this update is a link to information regarding a public panel on healthcare, education, and affordable housing.

Panelists include Marit Stiles, Leader of Ontario's NDP & Official Opposition, Terence Kernaghan, MPP for London North Centre, Sarah Campbell, Executive Director of Ark Aid Street Mission, Craig Smith, President of ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local, and Peter Bergmanis, Chair of Ontario Health Coalition, London Chapter.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Workplace Stewards' Meeting – October 16, 2024
- Pregnancy/Parental Workshop – October 23, 2024
- ETFO Provincial Member Engagement Meeting – October 29, 2024
- Retirement Planning Workshop – October 30, 2024
- New Teacher TPA Workshop – November 5, 2024
- Experienced Teacher TPA Workshop – November 6, 2024
- General Meeting – November 13, 2024
- New Teacher Orientation and Workshop – November 20, 2024
- ETFO Trivia Night – St. Thomas – November 21, 2024

## **Communication Protocol**

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Monday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board's **Disconnecting from Work Employee Procedure** came into effect on Thursday, June 2 in compliance with the **Working for Workers Act, 2021**.

Violations of the **Communication Protocol** and the **TVDSB Disconnecting from Work Procedure** must be reported to the Local office immediately.

## **Duty of the Local**

- Defend the **Collective Agreement** and the rights of Teachers under it.
- Ensure that the provisions of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** are enforced.
- Bring to the attention of TVDSB ongoing Teacher concerns, with the expectation that these concerns will be taken seriously and resolved quickly.
- Communicate with Teachers in a clear, concise, and timely manner

Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the long weekend and a well-deserved break.

For more information regarding this *Communiqué* please contact the Local office by phone at 519-474-3150, or by email at [etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com](mailto:etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com)