

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** January 17, 2025  
**Regarding:** **Weekly Update 16**

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## Métis Days of Significance

Accompanying this update is a link to register for the January 28 online presentation OTF Connects: Métis Days of Significance.

## SMART Notebook Retirement

Accompanying this update is a link to the TVDSB memo regarding SMART Notebook Retirement.

## Building Better Schools: ETFO's Education Platform

Accompanying this update is a link to ETFO's Building Better Schools website. Teachers are encouraged to review ETFO's education platform in anticipation of an early provincial election call.

<https://www.buildingbetterschools.ca/>

## Upcoming Events

- Workplace Stewards' Meeting – January 22, 2025
- Health and Safety Representatives' Training – January 29 and 30, 2025
- ETFO Skate Night – February 7, 2025
- Workplace Stewards/Principals' Training – February 11 and 12, 2025
- General Meeting – February 13, 2025
- Experienced Teacher TPA Workshop – February 26, 2025
- Retirement Planning Workshop – March 5, 2025
- 25 Year Celebration – March 26, 2025
- Pregnancy/Parental Leave Workshop – April 2, 2025

## **Communication Protocol**

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, January 19 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

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)