

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Workplace Stewards
From: Mike Thomas, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: January 27, 2026
Regarding: **Legislative Petition to Reduce Class Size**

Dear Workplace Stewards,

As we look ahead to what is shaping up to be a challenging round of central bargaining, mobilizing members, families, and community allies will be critical. Building visible, collective pressure around public education is essential - and that work starts with us.

To build momentum leading up to the expiry of the central agreement in August 2026, ETFO is launching a three-part provincial action plan beginning this month:

1. **February** – Legislative Petition to Reduce Class Size
2. **April** – Class Size Day of Action
3. **May** – Postcard Campaign

The first step is the Legislative Petition, calling on the provincial government to make meaningful investments in public education - smaller class sizes, increased supports, and well-resourced schools. Every signature matters.

As Workplace Steward, we are counting on your leadership to help make this campaign a success. Specifically, we are asking you to:

1. Host an ETFO meeting after school
2. Distribute one petition to each member at your school (extras are included for anyone who would like more)
3. Post a copy in each staff room so Occasional Teachers can sign when they are on site
4. Collect and **return completed petitions** between **February 18–20, 2026** (packages must be mailed during this window; detailed instructions to follow)

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Your task:

Please ensure that every member in your school has the opportunity to sign the petition before the Family Day weekend. We encourage you to enlist a colleague to help with collecting signatures - this is truly a collective effort.

RETURN DATE:

All completed petitions must be mailed to the Local office from **February 18 – 20, 2026**.

The return envelope you receive the petitions in is postdated/postage paid and must be put in the mail during this window of time in order to be processed and arrive at the Local office before our deadline to send them to ETFO Provincial.

You will likely have to put the envelope in a **red mailbox or drop off at a Canada Post location**, as most neighbourhood/community mailboxes will not take that size envelope.

Thank you, as always, for your leadership, commitment, and advocacy to support students and the Union truly make a difference and strengthen public education.

For any questions, concerns, or simply a friendly chat, the Local ETFO Office is only a phone call away at 519-474-3150 or an email to etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com - we're here to help.