

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Workplace Stewards  
**From:** Mike Thomas, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** February 2, 2026  
**Regarding:** **Legislative Petition to Reduce Class Sizes**

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Dear Workplace Stewards and Alternates,

We know many of you will be holding quick meetings either before or after the scheduled staff meetings today.

We are hoping you could take a couple of minutes to share the following with staff:

"An ETFO petition will be arriving in our school shortly, and we wanted to share a few key points. Our Local will be sending out more detailed information on Tuesday to explain the issues including some speaking points that you might find useful.

This petition focuses on concerns we're all experiencing, including chronic underfunding, increasing violence and safety issues, and the lack of supports for students, particularly in special education and the early years. Strong participation matters because high return rates show the government that educators are united and serious about change, and it strengthens ETFO's advocacy on behalf of students and working conditions.

Please take a moment to review and sign the petition when it arrives, and return it to the workplace steward or alternate so it can be sent back to the Local through the mail. Thank you for your support and participation."

Thank you, everyone. Your dedication and work on this initiative will ensure its success.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly (226-228-4712), or contact the released team at the Local Office.

Mike Thomas, President

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](mailto:etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com) - we're here to help.

*c. Released Executive, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local*