# LOCAL MESSAGE

ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
**From:** Mike Thomas, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
**Date:** November 11, 2026
**Regarding:** **Honouring Remembrance Day**

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On Remembrance Day, we honour the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of those who have served, and continue to serve, in the pursuit of peace and freedom. We remember those who gave their lives, those who returned forever changed, and the families and communities who have carried the lasting impacts of conflict. Their sacrifices remind us that peace should never be taken for granted.

As educators, we have an important responsibility to help the next generation understand not only the history of war and sacrifice, but also the importance of compassion, empathy, respect, and understanding. Across Thames Valley, teachers create meaningful opportunities for students to reflect, ask questions, and recognize the role each of us can play in building a more peaceful and just world.

Thank you to our teachers for approaching these conversations with care and thoughtfulness, and for ensuring that the lessons of the past continue to shape the hopes of the future.

At a time when conflict and division remain present in our world, Remembrance Day offers us an opportunity to reflect on the true cost of war, honour those who have served, and renew our commitment to peace.

Lest we forget.

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.

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