

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
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Regarding: Communication with Parents

The Thames Valley District School Board has directed Principals to direct Teachers to contact parents.

Here is the current advice from ETFO Provincial:

Members do need to be available for calls/virtual meetings with their administrators during the regular workday and they should cooperate with any requests for information re. technology or resources needed to support students.

In consultation with TVDSB Senior Administration and ETFO Provincial here is current advice from ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local regarding Board direction to contact parents:

- Board's direction is that communication is to be with parents not students in the elementary panel.
- Teachers should use professional judgement when determining the means of communication to be used to connect with parents (telephone or email).
- Teachers may complete the technology survey as they are able.

The Ministry, School Boards and OTF Affiliates are working collaboratively on a plan for distance teaching and learning. It is expected that details of this plan and a Government announcement regarding school shutdown extension will be made within the next day or so.

This is an evolving situation. Patience is required. A plan moving forward is forthcoming.

ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local will continue to provide information to Teachers in a clear, concise and timely manner as soon as we are able to do so.

For more information about this Communiqué contact the Local office by phone at 519-474-3150 or by email at etvotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com.