

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: April 7, 2020
Regarding: Continuous Learning/Emergency Remote Teaching Update (2)

The contents of the *Communiqué* must be read in the context of an evolving and deadly global pandemic, an ongoing declared provincial of emergency and an extended shutdown of schools.

To underscore the severity of the global situation, news reports indicate that British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who tested positive for COVID-19 eleven days ago, is now in intensive care. Clearly COVID-19 is a threat to all regardless of status or station in life.

As the “soft” implementation of *Continuous Learning/Emergency Remote Teaching* commences ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members are reminded of the following:

- Friday, April 10 and Monday, April 13 are statutory holidays and **no** work is to be assigned to Members or Students on these days.
- Members have been directed to provide Principals and Parents with *Week-at-a-Glance* update regarding work assigned to Students. Members are **not** required to provide Principals with access to learning platforms like Brightspace or Google Classroom.
- Concerns regarding directions given to Members should be documented and referred to ETFO TVTL as soon as possible for follow up with TVDSB Human Resources.
- Use professional judgement and be mindful of professional boundaries when using social media (including learning platforms like Brightspace and Google Classroom). Members are strongly urged to refrain from posting personal videos and images to social media sites and learning platforms.
- The Director is meeting virtually with Principals this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. A synopsis of that meeting will be shared with all Members later this afternoon.

ETFO TVTL will continue to provide information and updates to Members that are clear, concise and timely.

Members are thanked profoundly for all that they are doing in these challenging times.

For more information regarding this *Communiqué* please contact the Local office by phone at 519-474-3150 or by email at etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com.