

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** November 2, 2020  
**Regarding:** **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

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The Ministry of Education cancelled the Professional Activity Day associated with Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Thames Valley District School Board has indicated that there will be no Parent/Teacher Interviews outside the instructional day. Precedent for this goes back to the 2015-2016 school year.

Education Act Regulation 298, Section 20 (k), *Duties of Teachers*, states that a teacher shall “participate in regular meetings with pupils’ parents or guardians”.

**Advice to ETFO TVTL Members:**

- Use Professional Judgement at all times.
- Continue to communicate with parents and guardians regarding student progress.
- Pre-arrange any conversations with parents and guardians at a mutually agreeable time.
- Maintain a parent/guardian communication log.

As a result of the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, ETFO TVTL Members have been, and continue to be, in regular contact with parents and guardians regarding the progress of the students in our care.

Any contact with parents and guardians should be arranged at the discretion of the Teacher, not at the direction of school administrators.

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