

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: June 5, 2023
Regarding: **Remembering the Afzaal Family**

The tragic event of Sunday, June 6, 2021, was a deliberate and hateful act of violence that left the Afzaal family shattered, a community in mourning, and a city shaken to its core.

Teachers work hard every day to create places of learning that are welcoming, safe, and inclusive for all the students in our care. We remain deeply committed to this work, and to building a broader community that is equally welcoming, safe, and inclusive.

To that end, we stand in support of and in solidarity with the Muslim community as this horrible loss is remembered.

The pathway of healing is not travelled easily but if we continue to walk it together, we will, in time, build a community of which we can all be proud.

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