

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: January 24, 2025
Regarding: **Weekly Update 17**

Provincial General Election

It appears very likely that writs of election will be dropped next Wednesday, meaning that the provincial parliament will be dissolved. Election Day would be Thursday February 27.

Election information will be sent shortly to all Teachers.

Building Better Schools: ETFO's Education Platform

Accompanying this update is a link to ETFO's Building Better Schools website. Teachers are encouraged to review ETFO's education platform in anticipation of an early provincial election call.

<https://www.buildingbetterschools.ca/>

ETFO Provincial Media Statement

Accompanying this update is a link to the ETFO Provincial media statement in support of the Ontario Autism Coalition's report.

Upcoming Events

- Health and Safety Representatives' Training – January 29 and 30, 2025
- ETFO Skate Night – February 7, 2025
- Workplace Stewards/Principals' Training – February 11 and 12, 2025
- General Meeting – February 13, 2025
- Experienced Teacher TPA Workshop – February 26, 2025
- Retirement Panning Workshop – March 5, 2025
- 25 Year Celebration – March 26, 2025
- Pregnancy/Parental Leave Workshop – April 2, 2025

Communication Protocol

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board's **Disconnecting from Work Employee Procedure** came into effect on Thursday, June 2 in compliance with the **Working for Workers Act, 2021**.

Violations of the **Communication Protocol** and the **TVDSB Disconnecting from Work Procedure** must be reported to the Local office immediately.

Duty of the Local

- Defend the **Collective Agreement** and the rights of Teachers under it.
- Ensure that the provisions of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** are enforced.
- Bring to the attention of TVDSB ongoing Teacher concerns, with the expectation that these concerns will be taken seriously and resolved quickly.
- Communicate with Teachers in a clear, concise, and timely manner

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