

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: January 31, 2025
Regarding: **Weekly Update 18 – Political Action Update (1)**

Provincial General Election

The 43rd Parliament was dissolved on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. The provincial general election will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

The next five (5) weekly updates will focus on political action and the provincial general election.

Elections Ontario

The link to the Elections Ontario website can be found on the ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local website under Resources-Additional Resources-Political Action.

Detailed information about when, how, and where to vote will be found on the Elections Ontario website.

Reminders:

- To be eligible to vote, you must be 18 years of age or older, a Canadian citizen, and a resident of Ontario.
- Vote in person at your local election office from January 30 until 6:00 p.m. on February 26. Remember to bring your ID.
- Vote at any advance voting location in your electoral district from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from February 20 to 22. Remember to bring your ID.
- Vote at your assigned voting location on election day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on February 27. Remember to bring your ID.

Political Parties and Platforms

Accompanying this update are links to the four (4) political parties represented in the Ontario Legislature.

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 prior to voting. <https://www.buildingbetterschools.ca/>

Student Vote

Accompanying this update is a link to Student Vote and election-related curriculum resources for Teachers.

Upcoming Events

- ETFO Skate Night – February 7, 2025
- Workplace Stewards/Principals’ Training – February 11 and 12, 2025
- General Meeting – February 13, 2025
- Making a Difference Workshop – February 19, 2025
- Experienced Teacher TPA Workshop – February 26, 2025
- Retirement Planning 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 31 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, February 2 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