

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: February 7, 2025
Regarding: **Weekly Update 19 – Political Action Update (2)**

The **Provincial General Election** will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Teachers are reminded that information about the following was included in last week's update:

- Elections Ontario voting information.
- Links to Provincial political parties and platforms.
- Links to **Building Better Schools**, ETFO's education platform.
- **Student Vote** election-related resources for Teachers that align to the Ontario Curriculum.

ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Recommendations

The ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local executive meets on Thursday and will discuss provincial candidate recommendations. Specific candidate recommendations will be shared with all Teachers in next week's Political Action Update.

Local Campaigns

Accompanying this update are links to Ontario NDP campaigns in three ridings:

- **Terence Kernaghan** (London North Centre)
- **Peggy Sattler** (London West)
- **Teresa Armstrong** (London Fanshawe)

Teachers are encouraged to volunteer and get involved in local campaigns. Make your vote really count. Contact information regarding local campaigns, in the ridings of Oxford, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, and Elgin-Middlesex-London, will be shared with Teachers shortly.

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
- Independent Women Financial Workshop – March 20, 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, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, February 9 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