

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** February 21, 2025  
**Regarding:** **Weekly Update 21 – Political Action Update (4)**

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The **Provincial General Election** will be held on Thursday February 27, 2025. Polls are open on Election Day from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm.

Teachers are reminded that information about the following has been sent:

- 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.
- Links to Local Campaigns.
- ETFO Provincial election endorsements.
- CLC/OFL election resources.
- Links to NDP and Green Party Platforms.
- Video messages from NDP candidates Terence Kernaghan (London North Centre) and Peggy Sattler (London West).

## **ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Election Endorsements/Recommendations**

In the last provincial election, approximately 91% of elementary teachers voted – that's double the provincial average.

Teachers are active, engaged, and informed voters.

The ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local will never tell Teachers how to vote. The ballot is secret. We do, however, provide information and advice for consideration.

The following candidates have been endorsed for consideration by ETFO Provincial and ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local:

- **Terence Kernaghan**, NDP candidate in London North Centre.
- **Peggy Sattler**, NDP candidate in London West.
- **Teresa Armstrong**, NDP candidate in London Fanshawe.

The following candidates are recommended for consideration by the ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local:

- **Khadijah Haliru**, NDP candidate in Oxford.
- **Kathryn Shailer**, NDP candidate in Lambton Kent Middlesex.
- NDP candidate in Elgin Middlesex London has withdrawn. Consider voting for a progressive candidate who supports public education.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Experienced Teacher TPA Workshop – February 26, 2025
- Retirement Planning Workshop – March 5, 2025
- Workplace Steward' Meeting – March 19, 2025
- Independent Women Financial Workshop – March 20, 2025
- 25 Year Celebration – March 26, 2025
- Pregnancy/Parental Leave Workshop – April 2, 2025
- Unlearn. Relearn. How Colonization Impacts Your Practice Workshop – April 10, 2025

## **Communication Protocol**

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, February 23 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](mailto:etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com)