

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: March 28, 2025
Regarding: **Weekly Update 25 / Federal Political Action Update 1**

Dissolution of the 44th Parliament

On March 23, 2025, Her Excellency the Governor General, at the recommendation of the Prime Minister, issued a proclamation to dissolve the 44th Parliament. The 45th General Election will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025.

Accompanying this update is a link to information about parliamentary dissolution and what it means. Subsequent weekly updates will continue to focus on political action and the federal general election.

Elections Canada

The link to the Elections Canada 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 Canada website.

Reminders:

- To be eligible to vote, you must be 18 years of age or older and a Canadian citizen,
- You may vote at your assigned voting location on election day on Monday April 28. Polls are open for twelve (12) hours. Remember to bring your ID.
- You may vote on advance polling days.
- You may vote early at any Elections Canada office.
- You may vote by mail.

Voting in Canada is safe and easy. Every vote counts. Make your voice heard. Vote.

Political Parties and Platforms

Accompanying this update are links to the four (4) federal political parties represented in the House of Commons.

Student Vote

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

Bill 124 Remedy and CRA T1198 Tax Forms

A Statement of Qualifying Retroactive Lump-Sum Payment (a T1198 tax form) will be prepared by the Thames Valley District School Board for Teachers who received a qualifying retroactive lump-sum payment/payments exceeding \$3000.00.

Teachers who received a retroactive lump-sum payment of less than \$3000.00 and who want the T1198 tax form are advised to contact TVDSB Payroll directly.

TVDSB has indicated that this information will be made available to Teachers in April.

Specific questions regarding payroll matters should be directed to TVDSB Payroll.

Upcoming Events

- Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy Workshop – April 1, 2025
- Pregnancy/Parental Leave Workshop – April 2, 2025
- All Candidates Session – April 8, 2025
- Visual Strategies Workshop – April 10, 2025 – FULL
- Unlearn. Relearn. How Colonization Impacts Your Practice Workshop – April 10, 2025
- Why Poverty? Workshop – April 15, 2025
- Local Annual Meeting – April 23, 2025
- New Teacher Event – April 24, 2025
- Red Dress Day – Beading Workshop – May 5, 2025 – FULL
- ETFO Golf Tournament – May 24, 2025

Communication Protocol

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, March 30 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

Enjoy a safe and peaceful weekend.

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