

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** April 17, 2025  
**Regarding:** **Weekly Update 28 / Federal Political Action Update 4**

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## **The 45th General Election: What Has Been Shared**

Links to the following information regarding the 45<sup>th</sup> General Election have been sent to all Teachers:

- Detailed information about when, how, and where to vote will be found through the Elections Canada website.
- Websites of the four (4) federal political parties represented in the House of Commons, and their respective and platforms.
- Student Vote Canada.
- A list of nominated candidates of political parties regionally represented in the House of Commons.
- ETFO Provincial's Federal Election Key Messages.

Advance Polls are open April 18-21 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Specific information regarding advance poll locations can be found on the Elections Canada website ([elections.ca](http://elections.ca)).

Please note that the list of federal candidates for **London West** was inadvertently omitted from last week's update. Here they are now:

- Shinade Alder (New Democrat)
- Adam Benni (Conservative)
- Arielle Kayabaga (Liberal)
- Jeff Vanderzwet (Green)

As part of ETFO Provincial's campaign during this federal election, text messages will be sent to Members to encourage them to vote. The first message will go out this Wednesday afternoon prior to the advance polls that will be open from April 18-21. Another text message will go out on election day. In addition to these text messages, a voice message will also be sent to Members before election day.

Members are assured that these messages are indeed coming from ETFO. Questions should be directed to Federico Carvajal ([fcarvajal@etfo.org](mailto:fcarvajal@etfo.org)) at the ETFO Provincial Office.

## **Queen's Park**

Donna Skelly MPP (Flamborough-Glanbrook) was elected 44<sup>th</sup> Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. She is the first woman to hold this position in the history of the province.

## **Southwold Public School**

Congratulations to the Southwold Public School Choir, who sang the National Anthem at the Toronto Blue Jays game on April 16. Well done!

A big thank you to all Elementary Teachers and their school choirs who do the same at sporting and other events throughout the district. Your hard work is acknowledged and much appreciated.

**"The collective agreement is the rule book, not a guidebook."**

## EQAO

Links to ETFO Provincial information regarding EQAO accompany this update.

## Upcoming Events

- Local Annual Meeting – April 23, 2025
- Red Dress Day – Beading Workshop – May 5, 2025 – FULL
- ETFO Evening of the Arts – Space still available for Improv
- ETFO Golf Tournament – May 24, 2025

## **Communication Protocol**

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Monday, April 21 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

To those who keep it, Happy Easter. Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful long 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](mailto:etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com)