



Appendix B

Political Action Updates to Members

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: May 4, 2022
Regarding: **Political Update (1)**

The Writs of Election have been signed and dropped. The 42nd Parliament is now dissolved.

There are **29** days until Election Day.

Throughout the general election campaign ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local will provide Teachers with regular political action updates.

The Political Action Call to Action on the local website is updated regularly with election-related information for Teachers.

Upcoming Events

- Peggy Sattler (London West) **Campaign Office Opening**, Saturday May 7 at 12 noon, 232 Wharncliffe Road South (at Elmwood).
- Teresa Armstrong (London Fanshawe) **Education Canvass** with OSSTF, Saturday May 7 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Campaign Office is located at 290 Hale Street. A link to the event poster accompanies this **Communiqué**.

Youth Eco-Activist Event

A youth eco-activist event, organized by ETFO Member Jennifer Chestnut, is being hosted at the London Public Library on Saturday May 7 at 1:00 p.m. A link to the event poster accompanies this **Communiqué**.

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

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Terry Card, President, ETFO Thames Valley Occasional Teacher Local
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To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: May 11, 2022
Regarding: **Political Update (2)**

There are **22** days until Election Day (E-22).

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Ballots can be cast at Returning Offices and Advance Poll locations before Election Day on June 2.

Links to voting information for the six (6) electoral districts within Thames Valley (Elgin-Middlesex-London, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, Oxford, London Fanshawe, London North Centre, London West) accompany this Political Action Update.

Elgin - Middlesex - London: <https://voterinformationselections.on.ca/en/election/4-general-election-jun-2-2022/26-elgin-middlesex-london?tab=beforeElectionInPerson>

Lambton - Kent - Middlesex: <https://voterinformationselections.on.ca/en/election/4-general-election-jun-2-2022/50-lambton-kent-middlesex?tab=beforeElectionInPerson>

London Fanshawe: <https://voterinformationselections.on.ca/en/election/4-general-election-jun-2-2022/53-london-fanshawe?tab=beforeElectionInPerson>

London North Centre: <https://voterinformationselections.on.ca/en/election/4-general-election-jun-2-2022/54-london-north-centre?tab=beforeElectionInPerson>

London West: <https://voterinformationselections.on.ca/en/election/4-general-election-jun-2-2022/55-london-west?tab=beforeElectionInPerson>

Oxford: <https://voterinformationselections.on.ca/en/election/4-general-election-jun-2-2022/82-oxford?tab=beforeElectionInPerson>

Upcoming Events

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL), of which ETFO is a member union, is sponsoring Labour Canvasses in the ridings of London West, London North Centre, and Oxford this coming weekend. Links to specific information about these canvasses accompany this Political Action Update.

"The Collective Agreement is the rule book, not a guidebook."

Local Advice/Recommendations

The ETFO TVTL Executive will meet on Thursday, May 19 to consider local election advice and recommendations. Information will be shared with all Teachers on Friday, May 20.

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To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: May 18, 2022
Regarding: **Political Update (3)**

There are **15** days until Election Day (E-15).

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Vote now! Advance polls open on **Thursday May 19**. Ballots may be cast at District Returning Offices until **Wednesday June 1**. Election Day is **Thursday June 2**.

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Student Vote

Accompanying this Communiqué is a link to **Student Vote Canada** and election-related resources for students. <https://studentvote.ca/>

ETFO Provincial Election Signs

ETFO Provincial produced and distributed 10,000 education focused election signs. Given restrictive changes to the Elections Act regarding third-party advertising, ETFO Provincial has no plans to produce and distribute more signs.

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To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: May 26, 2022
Regarding: Political Update (4)

There are 7 days until Election Day (E-7). Election Day is Thursday June 2.

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Vote now! Advance polls are open until **Saturday May, 28**. Ballots may be cast at District Returning Offices until **Wednesday, June 1**. Election Day is **Thursday, June 2**.

Links to voting information for the six (6) electoral districts within Thames Valley (Elgin-Middlesex-London, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, Oxford, London Fanshawe, London North Centre, London West) were emailed to all Teachers along with.

Local Advice/Recommendations

The ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local has endorsed six (6) candidates, in the City of London, and Oxford, Elgin, and Middlesex Counties, ahead of the upcoming provincial election on Thursday, June 2. The following candidates were endorsed by the ETFO Thames Valley Local Executive:

- Terence Kernaghan for London North Centre (NDP)
- Peggy Sattler for London West (NDP)
- Teresa Armstrong for London Fanshawe (NDP)
- Lindsay Wilson for Oxford (NDP)
- Vanessa Benoit for Lambton-Kent-Middlesex (NDP)
- Andy Kroeker for Elgin-Middlesex-London (NDP)

ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local encourages all Members to consider each party's education platform and their positions on the following before they vote:

- A concrete plan of action to drastically reduce violence in elementary schools;
- Lowering class sizes to improve student learning, support for students, and safety;
- Caps for all classes Kindergarten to Grade 8;
- Ending remote/hybrid teaching and learning;
- Delivering additional support for students with special education needs;
- A commitment to equity and inclusion; and
- An immediate independent review of the education funding formula.

Ontario's world-class system of public education was weakened by 15 years of Liberal government, and is being actively dismantled by the current Conservative one.

A Liberal government violated the Charter Rights of Teachers by imposing terms and working conditions through Bill 115. Only New Democrats voted against this unconstitutional legislation.

Bill 115 paved the way for the Conservative government's Bill 124, which unduly restricts free and fair collective bargaining. New Democrats voted against Bill 124 and are committed to repealing it immediately.

Ontario needs a government that puts people first, that addresses issues of affordability, and that fights to expand public education, health, and social services for all. The endorsed candidates in this region will help make that goal a reality.

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To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: June 1, 2022
Regarding: **Political Update (5)**

There is **1** day until Election Day (E-1).

Election Day is **Thursday, June 2**. Polling stations are open from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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