

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** September 1, 2022  
**Regarding:** **End of Summer Update**

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Apologies for intruding on the last few days of summer break. Some information to share before the start of the school year.

The ETFO Local office will re-open at 8:15 am on Tuesday September 6.

**Weekly Updates** will resume on Friday, September 9.

### **September 6 Professional Activity Day**

Tuesday, September 6 is a work day for Teachers. The provisions of the Collective Agreement apply on this Professional Activity Day. Teachers should arrive fifteen (15) minutes before the timetabled commencement of the school instructional day, and are free to leave at the end of the timetabled school day.

Any violations of the Collective Agreement must be reported to the ETFO Local office immediately.

### **COVID-19 Update**

Yesterday the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) announced significant changes to COVID-19 protocols. Accompanying this update is a link to information shared by the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB).

### **Labour Day**

Labour Day is a celebration of working people and their families. Accompanying this update is a link to information regarding the London and District Labour Council Labour Day Event on Monday, September 5. All are welcome.

### **Communication Protocol**

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect **until** Monday, September 5 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.

**It is the duty of the Local to:**

- 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 to the fullest what remains of the summer break.

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

c. *ETFO TVTL Released Officers*  
*Terry Card, President, ETFO Thames Valley Occasional Teacher Local*  
*Elizabeth Kettle, ETFO Provincial CB Staff Officer*

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