

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members

From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)

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Regarding: Reopening Update (2)

On July 30 the government announced its plan to reopen schools in Ontario.

On August 13 the Minister of Education announced changes to this plan.

Teachers remain understandably anxious, concerned, and somewhat confused about what reopening will look like in the midst of the ongoing pandemic and against the backdrop of inconsistent direction from the government to district school boards.

Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) school reopening information was sent by the Board to all Teachers earlier in the week. Clearly, the Education Minister's announcement yesterday will have an impact on some aspects of the TVDSB reopening plan. ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local will meet with TVDSB senior administration next week to review their reopening plan once again.

Reminders:

- Although the ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local office is officially closed for the summer break, local released officers have been and are available to provide assistance to Teachers throughout the summer. Contact information is available on the local website. If calling the Local office, follow the prompts. Messages can be left for released officers who will follow up with you ASAP.
- Questions regarding access to sick leave, consideration for remote teaching redeployment, or requests for unpaid leave, should be directed to any of the released officers.
- The challenging situation we all face is evolving and things can change quickly. The ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local will provide clear, concise, and factual information regarding school reopening to all Teachers when it is available to be shared.

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