

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members

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

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Regarding: Summary of Meeting with Deputy Minister of Education/Affiliates (Shared with Local Presidents)

Presidents, we had a very brief meeting with the Deputy Minister today. The following items were discussed:

1. The Deputy Minister spoke about the recent Child Care Agreement that was negotiated in Ontario and acknowledged the role that Assistant DM Andrew Davis played in the process.
2. Monitoring Cases in Schools and Communities – The Deputy Minister was asked about whether the Ministry will be reconsidering its decision re masking in light of the growing case count this week. The Deputy Minister responded to say that there is no plan to make a change at this time. The Ministry of Health is watching the situation closely.
3. SAPP Training – The Affiliates sought confirmation that school boards are “required” to provide the time (PA day) for SAPP training for staff prior to September 15. One board has advised that it does not intend to do so. The DM indicated that this is a requirement, and that the Ministry will follow up where it is not happening. Further clarification was also sought on the issue of whether staff are “required” to take the training if they are not included in the PA day training. At two previous meetings, the Affiliates were advised by Ministry Staff that the OCT will not be implementing any consequence to a member (employed prior to January 2022) who does not take the training. In particular, we discussed the issue of daily occasional teachers who do not have access to the training. How they can be “required” to complete the training? The Deputy Minister said she would review this issue further and respond at the next meeting.

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General Secretary

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