

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members

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

Date: August 28, 2020

Regarding: TVDSB Letter to Administration - PA Days

As directed by the Ministry of Education, three Professional Activity Days have been designated to enhance educators' knowledge and skills for the effective support of all students and children. This year, in response to the current context and reopening of schools, **mandatory** PA days will focus on topics for restarting the school year, to ensure the safety of staff, students and the broader community, and delivery of high-quality education for all learners.

Thames Valley Learning Support Services and Human Resources staff have developed and prepared materials that align with the topics that have been mandated by the Ministry. The following topics **must** be covered during these three days:

- Health and safety protocols in response to COVID-19 (full day)
- Workplace Violence Prevention Awareness (½ day)
- Student mental health, well-being and anti-bullying
- An introduction to anti-racism and anti-discrimination training that will continue throughout the 2020-21 school year
- Remote and online learning strategies and tools
- An introduction to the new elementary math curriculum and fundamental math concepts/skills

Recognizing the amount of content to cover, the following schedule is provided.

| DAY ONE: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 | DAY TWO: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 | DAY THREE: Thursday, September 3, 2020 |
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| <p><i>Welcome Back Staff Meeting and COVID-19 Health & Safety Training</i></p> <p>FULL DAY</p> | <p><i>Program Delivery and Assessment & Evaluation Day</i></p> <p>AM: Mental Health & Well-Being, Safe Schools and Equity PM: Elementary Math Curriculum</p> | <p><i>Digital/ Remote Learning, Health and Preparing for our Students' Return to Learn (Mandatory Training in Employee Portal)</i></p> <p>FULL DAY Self-Directed</p> |

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