

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: December 2, 2022
Regarding: **Weekly Update (11)**

December 6 National Day of Remembrance

Tuesday, December 6 marks the **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women**. A link to the ETFO TVTL **Communiqué** acknowledging this day accompanies this **Weekly Update**. We remember.

Bill 124 Ruling

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice found that the Ontario government's decision, under Bill 124, to impose a three-year wage freeze on teachers, nurses, and other public sector workers, was unconstitutional and violated collective bargaining rights. The Ford Conservative government signalled that it intends to appeal the ruling.

Accompanying this **Communiqué** are links to background information and the court ruling itself.

Report Card Survey

Accompanying this **Communiqué** is a link to the ETFO Thames Valley Reporting System Survey and Recommendations presented to the Board at the Joint Report Card Committee.

Grade 6 Social Studies Curriculum Revisions (September 2023)

Accompanying this **Communiqué** is a link to the Ministry of Education memo to school boards outlining changes to the Grade 6 curriculum for September 2023. These changes will include education on the Holocaust and Anti-Semitism, as well as planned changes focussed on Indigenous education.

Communication Protocol

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, December 4 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:

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- 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 the weekend.

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

c. *ETFO TVTL Released Officers*
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"The Collective Agreement is the rule book, not a guidebook."