

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: February 17, 2023
Regarding: **Weekly Update (19)**

ETFO TVTL Donation to Oxfam Canada

The ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Executive passed a motion to donate \$3742.00 in support of Oxfam Canada's humanitarian relief efforts in Turkey and Syria.

ETFO Provincial will match this donation dollar for dollar.

ETFO Pre-Budget Submissions

Accompanying this update are links to pre-budget submissions, made to the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, from ETFO Provincial and ETFO Thames Valley.

The focus of the ETFO Thames Valley submission is on violence in schools and the need for a comprehensive Anti-Violence Action Plan.

Collective Bargaining Update

The Local Preliminary Submission was presented for the consideration on Thursday February 16 at the General Meeting. Teachers present voted unanimously in favour of accepting the proposed Preliminary Submission.

The next step will be a meeting of the ETFO TVTL and TVDSB table teams to confirm local bargaining ground rules and set local bargaining dates.

The ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local will keep Teachers informed regarding progress at the local bargaining table in a clear, concise and timely manner.

The goal of the ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local is to negotiate a fair collective agreement, that addresses working condition issues, through free local collective bargaining.

Communication Protocol

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Monday, February 20, 2023 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.

Duty of the Local

- 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.

Thank you for all you do. Enjoy the Family Day 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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