

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: March 24, 2023
Regarding: **Weekly Update (23)**

March Break has come and gone. The final stretch is now before us.

Collective Bargaining Update

Proposed local bargaining dates, for March through to the end of June, have been shared with the Board. We await confirmation of these proposed dates.

The 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.

Student Attendance

Accompanying this update is a link to the Student Attendance Communiqué. It is the duty of the Teacher to record student attendance. It is the duty of the Principal and Attendance Counsellor to follow up with parents and guardians regarding student absences. Teachers should refrain from undertaking the work of other employee groups and/or bargaining units.

Reporting System Survey II

The link to the ETFO TVTL SIS Reporting System Survey II accompanies this update. The deadline to complete the survey is Thursday April 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ETFO Golf Tournament

Accompanying this update is a link to the poster for the ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 27.

Communication Protocol

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, March 26, 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.

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

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