

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
Date: April 21, 2023
Regarding: **Weekly Update (27)**

Collective Bargaining Update

The Local Bargaining Table Team met on April 18 in anticipation of our first day of local bargaining on April 25.

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.

PSAC Strike

Members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) have been without a contract for two (2) years and are on strike. ETFO TVTL Released Officers joined the London picket line on Friday. We hope that PSAC and the Federal Government will reach a tentative agreement soon. Information regarding ongoing support for PSAC will be sent to Teachers shortly if the strike continues. ETFO TVTL stands in solidarity with our PSAC colleagues.

Upcoming Events

- Local Annual Meeting – Thursday, April 27
- Why Poverty? Workshop – Thursday, May 18
- ETFO Thames Valley Golf Tournament – Saturday, May 27
- ETFO Night at the London Majors – Friday, June 16 (stay tuned, details tbc)

Communication Protocol

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, April 23, 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.

c. *ETFO TVTL Released Officers*
Terry Card, President, ETFO Thames Valley Occasional Teacher Local
Elizabeth Kettle, ETFO Provincial CB Staff Officer

"The Collective Agreement is the rule book, not a guidebook."