

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** April 28, 2023  
**Regarding:** **Weekly Update (28)**

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## National Day of Mourning

In 1984, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) established April 28th as the National Day of Mourning in Canada to remember and honour those who have been killed, injured, or suffered illness in the workplace. Mourn for the dead. Fight for the living.

## Collective Bargaining Update

The Local Bargaining Table Team met with the Board's bargaining team for our first day of local bargaining on April 25. Our next bargaining day is May 16.

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.

## Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) Strike

The PSAC strike continues. ETFO TVTL Released and Non-Released Officers joined the London picket line on Wednesday. While we hope that PSAC and the Federal Government reach a tentative agreement soon, ETFO TVTL will continue to stand in solidarity with our PSAC colleagues.

## Upcoming Events

- Why Poverty? Workshop - Thursday May 18
- ETFO Thames Valley Golf Tournament - Saturday May 27
- ETFO Provincial Workplace Steward Plus One Event – Tuesday May 30
- 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 28 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, April 30, 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](mailto: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."**