

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** June 7, 2024  
**Regarding:** **Weekly Update 36**

Current Collective Agreement language, provisions, and past practices are subject to a statutory freeze during the period of central and local collective bargaining bargaining (**Labour Relations Act, 1995, Section 86, Subsection 1**).

Violations of the collective agreement must be reported immediately to the ETFO Local office (519-474-3150).

## **Local Bargaining**

A reminder that information regarding the local tentative agreement ratification process has been emailed to all Teachers.

## **Classroom Budget and Student Supplies**

As Teachers are aware, the woefully inadequate classroom budget for student supplies in the 2024-2025 school year is \$200.00 per classroom. It has been pegged at \$200.00 per classroom since the 2000-2001 school year.

That amount might procure the following:

- 1 package of 20 notebooks
- 6 boxes of Duotangs- 25/box
- 1 Box of glue sticks- 30/box
- Student Calculator Kit- 10 Calculators
- 1 package of Fun Tak adhesive

No pencils. No erasers. No pens, or pencil crayons. No paper. Not much of anything. \$16B in public money for a battery plant but no money for pencils, erasers, and paper.

This starving of classrooms makes teaching, and learning, more difficult, and will inevitably lead to greater inequities in the public education system.

The matter was raised at Labour Management and ETFO will continue to lobby for increases in per classroom budgets.

## **Our London Family**

June 6, 2024, marks the third anniversary of the tragedy that befell the Afzaal family. Not an accident, but a deliberate act of violence that was directed at a London family who were targeted simply because they were Muslim. Shame.

Accompanying this update is a link to the letter sent to the Imam of the London Muslim Mosque on behalf of ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local members three years ago.

## **D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

June 6, 2024, also marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. The Allied invasion of Nazi-occupied France marked a turning point in the Second World War.

We remember those who landed in Normandy, who liberated the enslaved, and freed the world from the menace of fascism.

Lest we forget.

## **Minister of Education**

Teachers may be aware that the Premier shuffled the Cabinet. The new Minister of Education is the Honourable Todd Smith MPP. Accompanying this update is a link to the ETFO Provincial response to minister Smith's appointment.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Local Tentative Agreement Meeting – Tuesday, June 11, 2024
- Local Leaders Appreciation Event – Wednesday, June 19, 2024
- London Majors Baseball Game – Friday, June 21, 2024
- Summer Academy – July/August, 2024 (Registration through ETFO Provincial)

## **Communication Protocol**

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, June 9 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

Enjoy the weekend.

For more information regarding this *Communiqué* please contact the Local office by phone at 519-474-3150, or by email at [etfotvtl@effothamesvalley.com](mailto:etfotvtl@effothamesvalley.com)