

**To:** ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members  
**From:** Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)  
**Date:** October 18, 2024  
**Regarding:** **Weekly Update 7**

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## **Digital Platforms and Teacher Professional Judgement**

Teachers are reminded that the position of ETFO TVTL regarding digital platforms is as follows:

- Restoration of pre-pandemic practice regarding Teacher use of digital platforms.
- Teacher professional judgement is central to the deployment of digital platforms in support of student learning, as determined by the Teacher.

Teachers understand their duty to communicate with parents and will continue to do so in a variety of ways.

ETFO TVTL brought this matter to the attention of the Interim Director, and we will keep Teachers apprised of the process to resolve issue.

## **Panel On Healthcare, Education, and Affordable Housing**

Accompanying this update is a link to information regarding a public panel on healthcare, education, and affordable housing.

Panelists include:

- Marit Stiles, Leader of Ontario's NDP & Official Opposition
- Terence Kernaghan, MPP for London North Centre
- Sarah Campbell, Executive Director of Ark Aid Street Mission
- Craig Smith, President of ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local
- Peter Bergmanis, Chair of Ontario Health Coalition, London Chapter

## **Upcoming Events**

- Pregnancy/Parental Workshop – October 23, 2024
- ETFO Provincial Member Engagement Meeting – October 29, 2024
- Retirement Planning Workshop – October 30, 2024
- New Teacher TPA Workshop – November 5, 2024
- Experienced Teacher TPA Workshop – November 6, 2024
- General Meeting – November 13, 2024
- New Teacher Orientation and Workshop – November 20, 2024
- ETFO Trivia Night – St. Thomas – November 21, 2024

## **Communication Protocol**

Teachers are reminded that the **Communication Protocol** remains in effect, **from** Friday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. **until** Sunday, October 20 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

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