

OSSTF - DISTRICT 15 NEWSLETTER

# ORGANIZED THOUGHTS

## A Message from the District President Iggi van Kooten



With only seven "working" Mondays remaining in the school year, I want to thank everyone for your solidarity during the April 29th Day of Action. This event successfully highlighted the vital importance of a stable, well-resourced, and high-quality public education system for students and families across Ontario.

As we look ahead, May 4th to May 8th is Education Week. I encourage you to participate in activities that showcase the value of public education and the significant work you do within our classrooms and the community.

I also want to acknowledge the frustrations many of you feel regarding changes to the TLDSB Attendance Management Program and the introduction of mandatory Vulnerable Sector Checks. Please begin the background check process as soon as you receive the instructional email. The employer has taken a rigid approach, placing individuals who do not complete the requirement by the end of their birthday month on unpaid leave.

The District office has voiced our concerns regarding these measures. We will continue to press the employer to make decisions that demonstrate they value every member of the TLDSB community.

### Upcoming Dates

- May 4-8 Education Week \*see DBUs
- May 4-10 Mental Health Week \*see newsletter
- May 5 State of Education Virtual Town Hall \*See newsletter
- May 5 The National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People
- May 14 AGM (Annual General Meeting) \*Bayview Wild
- May 15 PD FUND Deadline
- May 28 CBC Meeting (Collective Bargaining Committee) \*Virtual
- June 11 BUC Meeting (Bargaining Unit Council) \*Minden
- June 26 Last day of school

## District 15 - Red for Ed

Way to go District 15!  
Thank you for taking part in the April 29th Day of Action.



(Click on the image to enlarge)

DO YOU KNOW?



The importance of reading your collective agreement?



**L21.00 - ACTING ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**  
L21.01 The Parties agree that a member of the Bargaining Unit may substitute for an absent Principal/Vice-Principal **who is absent for an entire day** and not more than twenty (20) consecutive work days or forty (40) work days in a school year as a Teacher-In-Charge.

### Reminders

L13.02 Track your APA's (supervision/on-calls)

Contact your Branch President if you have concerns.

Last Call!



Apply by May 15, 2026

## Occasional Teacher Survey

CLICK HERE

Looking for feedback in your experience as an OT with TLDSB; including members with full or partial LTO (Long Term Occasional assignments) and daily Occasional Teachers. Deadline Friday, May 15, 2026

### April Winners - congrats!

Erika Einarson - BML

Diana Williams - IEW



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DATES

April 20, 2026 - May 1, 2026

## Canadian Mental Health Week

This May 4-10, CMHA is inviting people across Canada to Come Together. It's a call to spark small, everyday actions of connection, and to recognize the role we all play in supporting mental health through connection.

Click [here](#) for more details and resources.

## OSSTF/FEESO Education Virtual Town Hall

Join OSSTF/FEESO for an important virtual town hall on: The State of Public Education in Ontario. Across Ontario, education workers, students, and families are feeling the effects of increasing pressures on our public schools and campuses. This is a space to come together, share experiences, and talk honestly about what's happening, and where we go from here.

### What to expect:

- Panel featuring community members and organizations
- Breakout sessions by region to connect locally
- Opportunities to share your perspective and hear from others

### Who can attend:

Education workers, teachers, families, community members, and anyone who cares about the future of public education in Ontario. All are welcome.

### Accessibility:

French and ASL interpretation will be provided.

**Date:** May 5, 2026

**Time:** 7:00-8:30 PM

**Location:** Live on Zoom (link will be sent via email)

[Register here.](#)

