

## Attention New Contract Teachers!

Don't forget that you have been invited to a special event just for you. ETFO Limestone Local is hosting a special workshop for new contract teachers during the afternoon of March 21st. Lunch and release time will be provided. President Jane Roberts and 1st V.P. Nancy Grew will be joined by Provincial V.P. Nancy Lawler at the Ramada Hotel on Benson Street. You will have an opportunity to hear about the importance of our Union and what it can do for you. Don't forget to RSVP for this important event!



## Sign up for your Limestone Local website today!!!

We want **YOU** to visit the website. This is the spot where you can access violent incident forms, your collective agreement, newsletters, and other news. BUT, you must register. Go to <https://etfolimestone.on.ca> to register.

## News from the Courts!

You have already heard that on February 28th, ETFO received the ruling of the Divisional Court regarding the 2015 Health and Physical Curriculum. While the panel did not rule in our favour, the ruling did contain language which clearly states that educators can use their professional judgement and teach beyond the 1998 curriculum to ensure that all Ontario students learn in a school environment that is inclusive and accepting, protects gender identify and gender expression; and includes curriculum relevant to the health and safety of children in 2019.

In its ruling, the court also recognized that teachers have a constitutional right to freedom of expression in the classroom. Professional judgement and freedom of expression allow you to do the important work of keeping students safe!

## Enjoy your March Break!

On a final note, both Jane and I would like to wish you a wonderful March Break. This is your time, a much needed break to rest, relax and rejuvenate. If you are travelling, safe travels. If you are staying home then enjoy the change in routine. Either way, a change is as good as a rest, they say!



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 21, 2019, 12:00 noon: **New Teachers' Workshop**  
Ramada Hotel, Kingston

March 25, 2019: **OTIP Retirement Workshop**  
Ramada Hotel, Kingston

March 27, 2019: **ETFO Visions Workshop**  
Session #3: **ETFO Limestone Local Office**

April 11th, 2019, 4:30 pm:  
**ETFO Local Annual Meeting**

April 25th, 2019, 4:30 pm:  
**Maternity Workshop**

June 20th, 2019, 5:30:  
**ETFO Limestone Local Retirement Dinner**