

ETFO Bursaries and Scholarships

Did you know that ETFO has scholarships and bursaries available? You can apply for funds to take a course of study or to support your child's post-secondary education. The deadline to apply is April 30th. Visit the etfo.ca website for more details.



Member Mobilization Meetings

ETFO has launched a member engagement campaign to connect with all 83,000 members and mobilize to protect public education. Stewards were trained on March 29th and are holding follow-up meetings at their individual school sites.

Don't forget to submit your receipt to Nancy Grew, to be reimbursed for the cost of food for your meeting.

Sign up for the Website!

We want **YOU** to visit the website. You can access important forms, your collective agreement and other important items in one spot. BUT, you must register. Go to <https://etfolimestone.on.ca> to register.

Provincial Budget Cuts

On April 11, the Conservative government released its budget which confirmed that they plan to proceed with cuts to education. Larger class sizes and insufficient funding for students with special needs are of great concern to parents and educators alike. Everyone is encouraged to reach out to your MPP to speak to your concerns.

ETFO Provincial has shared these budget highlights:

- \$1.4 billion in corporate tax cuts in 2019-20.
- \$3.8 billion in corporate tax cuts over six years.
- Confirmed plans to increase class size in grades 4-8 and high school.
- New child care tax credit to cost \$390 million a year and will come out of the education funding envelope.
- Education funding increases to be outpaced by inflation and enrolment growth resulting in cuts to schools.
- School renewal funding of \$1.4 billion for 2019-20, same as previous year. Does not address the \$16 billion school repairs backlog.
- New 'back-to-basics' math curriculum from grade 1-12 to be phased in over four years.
- Deep cuts to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, including child welfare and special needs and early intervention programs.

Let your MPP know that you do not support cuts to public education and ask that they advocate for schools in your riding.

For the entire budget visit this link:
<http://budget.ontario.ca/pdf/2019/2019-ontario-budget-en.pdf>

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 25th, 2019, 5:30 pm: Free **Community Screening of Bee Nation**
The Screening Room, Kingston

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

April 30th, 2019, 4:30 pm: **Trustee Open House**
ETFO Offices, 739C Arlington Park Place

April 27th, 10:30 am-12:00, 2019: **CUPE Rally for Education**, Intersection of **Bath Road and Sir John A.**

May 9th, 2019, 6:00-8:00 pm: **Living Books**
Tett Tower, Tett Centre, Kingston

May 11th, 2019: **ETFO Wine Tour**

June 20th, 2019, 5:30:
ETFO Limestone Local Retirement Dinner,
Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, Kingston