

## Welcome Back!

The new year is upon us and we have started off running. Setting up classrooms, welcoming students and preparing lessons is a lot of work but it is what you do and no one does it better than Limestone teachers. Thank you for all of your efforts and for the work that you do every day. You are the face of Public Education and we are all too aware that Public Education is under attack. Take pride in your work and know that you are making a positive impact every day. Also, remember to make time for family and for yourself. We cannot give to others unless we look after ourselves, first!

## Bus Safety



### School bus safety: how not abiding by the rules of the road can affect your insurance rates

Did you know that a single infraction involving a school bus can affect your car insurance premiums? Road safety, especially related to school buses and children, is very important. This importance is reflected in insurance company policies, which penalize drivers who do not exercise proper caution around children. The best course of action is to familiarize yourself with the rules of the road, and to remain vigilant around school zones and buses.

To learn more, click here: [www.otipinsurance.com/article43](http://www.otipinsurance.com/article43)

## Bargaining Update

ETFO met with the parties to the Central Table on August 23rd and reached an agreement on the Teacher/Occasional Teacher Central List. This central list is comprised of items that will be negotiated at the Central Table. This list was sent to you on Sept. 3rd in Central Bargaining Bulletin #4.

The following dates have been scheduled for Central Bargaining:

- Thursday, August 29, 2019
- September 6, 16, 23, 24, 25, 2019

Please continue to stay engaged and rely on ETFO for news related to ongoing negotiations.

If you have not already registered for Provincial Bargaining Updates please do so now. You should email your contact information to Member Records: [Trecords@etfo.org](mailto:Trecords@etfo.org)

Make sure that you include full name and ETFO I.D. number.



## Last Chance to Have Your Say

In June we sent out a Local Collective Bargaining Survey and many people responded, sharing concerns and priorities for the next round of bargaining. The Local Team will meet soon to analyze the data but there is still time to have your say. The link will remain live until September 12th and the survey is easy to do. If you did not get a chance to complete it in June please do so now. Go to this link and have your say:

<https://forms.gle/zx98WPuPTieJcfRr8>

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept. 20, 2019:, 9:00 - 3:00 **Stewards' Meeting,**  
**Ramada Inn, Benson Street**

Sept. 21st, 2019: **Mr. ETFO Mens' Retreat**  
**Opinicon Resort**

Sept. 26, 2019: **Take Back the Night Event**  
**5:30 Rally, 6:30 March, 8:00 Free concert**  
**Confederation Basin, Kingston**

Sept. 27th, 2019, 2:30-6:30: **TGIF**  
**Spearhead Brewery**  
**675 Development Dr., Kingston**