

COVID-19: We're here to help!

As the situation with COVID-19 keeps evolving, OTIP continues to work closely with its stakeholders and partners to make proactive decisions that are grounded in care for its members and employees. Learn what you need to know about access OTIP's services during this time.

For more information, visit : www.otipinsurance.com/article67.



Emergency Remote Learning

We are in unprecedented times. As we work together to navigate these new expectations, please be prepared for some wrinkles. All stakeholders agree that this new process should involve a slow and gentle approach which offers some opportunities for student learning. There is no expectation that this will mirror the type of in-class programming that you have offered in the past. There is no expectation to use video, nor is there one format that is being proscribed. Remember, you are a professional and you need to find what works best for you and your students given the current situation. If you have specific questions or concerns please call and/or email Jane or I. We are ready and available to help you navigate these unknown waters. In the meantime, ETFO has shared lots of good advice on the Provincial website. Look for PRS Bulletin Volume 108 available at: <http://etfo.ca>

Central Bargaining Update

On March 20, 2020 the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) reached a tentative central agreement with the Government of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the Council of Trustees' Associations.

On Tuesday April 21st at 3:30 you will be invited to participate in a telephone town hall meeting by phone or through online (on your laptop, mobile devices, etc.) audio live stream. This meeting will be 90 minutes in length and will be your opportunity to get more detailed information about the tentative agreement in advance of the Central Vote.

Voting for the Teacher/Occasional Teacher and Education Worker Tentative Central Agreements begins on Thursday, April 23 at 5:30 pm (EST) and ends on Monday, April 27 at 7:00 pm (EST).

On Thursday, April 23 at approximately 5:30 pm (EST) ETFO will be sending instructions to members by email (i.e., the Collective Bargaining eNewsletter) about how to vote. Members will receive daily reminders by email and/or text about the ratification vote. There will also be a Help Desk available during the voting process for members who need assistance. For more detailed information about this process please visit: etfocb.ca

OTIP Bursary Program

The OTIP Bursary Program is turning 25! Do you know a student who could use \$1,500? Now open for applications, the OTIP Bursary Program, offered by the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP), is awarding 25 bursaries — the most since the program's inception! If you or a close relative will be attending post-secondary school during the 2020-21 academic year, you have a chance to win \$1,500 to help with school expenses. For more information, visit www.otipinsurance.com/article66.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

ETFO Limestone Local Annual Meeting
Postponed to a future date.

ETFO Retirement Workshop
ETFO Office: 739C Arlington Park Place
Cancelled

Tuesday April 21st: Telephone Town Hall Meeting

April 23rd-27th: Voting on Central Agreement

ETFO Limestone Local Retirement Dinner
To Be Determined