

## Welcome Back Colleagues!

Happy New Year! We hope that you enjoyed a peaceful break and that your return to remote teaching has been as successful and stress free as possible. We have no doubt that students were happy to see you, if only in a remote fashion. Both Jane and I would like to extend our best wishes and support as we navigate these difficult times together.

## Move over: How to safely respond to emergency vehicles while driving

Seeing flashing lights approach you as you're driving can be stressful. Some drivers panic and don't effectively move out of the way, causing delays for emergency vehicles. The acronym "L.I.G.H.T." will help you calmly and safely clear the way with five simple steps. Learn more at [www.otipinsurance.com/article95](http://www.otipinsurance.com/article95).



## Remote Teaching Expectations?

Jane and I have been getting a lot of requests for direction on remote teaching. While the Ministry expectations are outlined in PPM 164 the reality of this Pandemic means that you will need to rely on your professional judgement and the individual realities which you face on a daily basis to determine how best to serve your students.

Please ensure that you are getting your required 240 minutes of planning time and your 40 minute uninterrupted lunch. These essential CA rights are still applicable in a Pandemic and are perhaps even more essential now.

Please continue to reach out if you need support and remember to look after yourself and your family.

## ETFO Awards and Bursaries

The ETFO Awards Program recognizes distinguished academic achievements and outstanding contributions to education and the Federation by its members and others. Some awards have a financial incentive. The deadline for awards nominations is February 1st of each year and award categories are posted by October of each year.

ETFO's Scholarships and Bursaries Program offers financial incentives to members and non-members entering faculties of education, members studying at the graduate level and members upgrading their qualifications at publicly funded universities/institutions. You can help identify and recognize those achievements by nominating colleagues for the prestigious ETFO Scholarships and Bursaries. The deadline for scholarship and bursary applications is April 30th of each year and are posted by January of each year. For information or inquiries please contact Sonia Ellis-Seguín at [sellisseguin@etfo.org](mailto:sellisseguin@etfo.org) or Nadine Moore at [nmoore@etfo.org](mailto:nmoore@etfo.org)

## Constitution Time!

Our Local's annual constitution review is quickly approaching and Stephane Charron, our 2nd VP, is seeking members who would like to contribute to this process. If you are interested in learning about our constitution and participating in this review, please contact our Local's 2nd VP Stephane Charron [charron.stephane@gmail.com](mailto:charron.stephane@gmail.com)

## Seeking Motions

Members may submit motions to amend both the Provincial and Local ETFO constitutions. A notice went out to Stewards this week. These motions are due at the Local office by January 15th at 4:00 pm.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 15, 2021, 4:00 pm:  
**Constitutional Motions due**

January 29, 2021:  
**PA Day for Reporting Purposes**

April 15, 2021, 4:30:  
**ETFO Limestone Local Annual Meeting**

