

Addressing Corporate Intrusions in Public Education Work Group

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Harvey Bischof, President

For Immediate Action

The Provincial Executive is seeking ten (10) members to examine the role corporations are playing or intending to play in public education, especially as it relates to technology and commercialization.

The work group will examine:

- the current research on the corporate agenda for education;
- privacy, data mining and human rights issues created by the use of technology in the education sector;
- the impact of technology on teaching and learning; and
- ways to raise awareness by the members of OSSTF/FEESO on the issue of corporate intrusions in education, especially through the use of technology.

Tasks of the work group could include:

- the development of a plan for the protection of the public education system, our members, and our students from commercialization and corporatization in education and
- the identification of potential related bargaining issues, and their referral to the Provincial Protective Services Committee.

The work group will consist of:

- ten (10) members selected by the Provincial Executive;
- two members of the Provincial Executive; and
- appropriate staff

The work group will meet up to six times during the 2018/2019 year, with a report to AMPA 2019.

Any member in good standing with OSSTF/FEESO who is interested in applying for the **Addressing Corporate Intrusions in Public Education Work Group** must submit a brief letter outlining their interest, experience, and expertise in this area. The Bargaining Unit president must also submit a letter of recommendation for the applicant in order for the member's application to be complete. OSSTF/FEESO will cover time release as well as any related expenses in keeping with Federation Guidelines. Applicants must be able to secure time release from their employer.

Please forward your letter of application and recommendation letters by mail to 60 Mobile Drive, Toronto M4A 2P3 or by email to rob.dubyk@osstf.ca. Application must be received by 4:00 pm on Wednesday June 13, 2018.