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## OSSTF/FEESO annual designated charity Kids Help Phone

To: Presidents and All Members  
From: Paul Elliott, President

### For Information

The Provincial Executive is continuing its support for Kids Help Phone as the OSSTF/FEESO designated charity for 2016-2017. Kids Help Phone continues to fill an important niche in advocating for and giving assistance to our students and their families.

During its twenty-six year history, Kids Help Phone has greatly expanded its outreach as a bilingual national organization serving children and teens in need of counselling, advice and intervention. Kids Help Phone now provides direct phone and online support to over 2.2 million requests for help each year, including young people living in rural and remote communities across Canada where supports are not readily available. The Kids Help Phone website also provides access to resources on a wide variety of issues including sexuality, harassment and bullying, drugs and alcohol, dating, and family relationships. Youth awareness materials are provided free of charge to schools to build awareness of Kids Help Phone services and how to access them.

Kids Help Phone is also one of four organizations working together in partnership to provide Good2Talk, a free, confidential, and anonymous helpline providing professional counselling and information and referrals for mental health, addictions, and well-being to post-secondary students aged 17-25 in Ontario, 24/7/365.

As a designated charity of OSSTF/FEESO Kids Help Phone will receive a donation of \$10,000 from Account #6480 to help sustain their work. The Provincial Executive also requests that districts and bargaining units consider local support during the 2016-2017 school year through direct donations and/or by encouraging member participation in fund-raising activities such as the annual Walk for Kids Help Phone.

Donations to Kids Help Phone can be sent to:  
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