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April 28 Day of Mourning

To: Presidents and All Members
From: Harvey Bischof, President

For Action

The National Day of Mourning to recognize workers who have been killed or injured while at work will soon be upon us (April 28). The theme for this year's Day of Mourning will be "Violence and Harassment: It's not part of the job". A petition website will be launched the week of April 16 by the Canadian Labour Congress and we urge you to encourage members to sign the petition.

We encourage local leaders to attend Day of Mourning events in their local communities. For a list of community events, please contact your local labour council or go to <https://www.whsc.on.ca/Events/Day-of-Mourning>.

In June 2016, legislation was enacted such that all schools are now required to lower the flags to half-mast as per Bill 180, Workers Day of Mourning Act. Please ensure that your employer is aware of this legislation and will be lowering the flags to half-mast.

We encourage OSSTF/FEESO education workers to use this opportunity to raise awareness with students about workplace dangers students could face upon entering the working world.

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