



The Economics of Finance and Climate Change – A Curriculum Resource by OSSTF/FEESO

To: Presidents and All Members

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For Information

OSSTF/FEESO has created a cross-curricular resource on the economics of finance and climate change from a social justice perspective that can be used in a number of subject areas based on Jim Stanford's book, ***Economics for Everyone: A Short Guide to the Economics of Capitalism (second edition)***. Jim Stanford is a Canadian economist and founder of the Progressive Economics Forum. He is currently an advisor to Canada's largest private sector union, Unifor. Stanford wrote *Economics for Everyone* in 2008, with a revised edition in 2015. Stanford understands that economics, far from being the sole domain of experts well-versed in complex models incomprehensible to most, is most essentially a social science.

Drawing on chapters 16–22 of Stanford's book, the resource pulls Ministry curriculum expectations from a vast array of courses including Food and Nutrition, Construction Technology, the Sciences, Law, History, and of course, Business and Economics. It is designed to meet the various needs of a classroom teacher and provides stand-alone lessons and assignments as well as a unit plan within a course.

This resource is [only available online](#) on the OSSTF/FEESO provincial website.

In addition, provincial office has a very small number of copies of Jim Stanford's book *Economics for Everyone – Second Edition* we are making available to members. We are asking each district to identify one member who has expressed an interest in using this new curriculum resource. The district president should send the members' name and mailing address to [Rob Dubyk](#) at the provincial office by **Friday, September 28**. Provincial office will mail a copy of the book to each identified member while quantities permit. Please identify a maximum of one member per district.

Members can also review a [recent article](#) posted on the OSSTF/FEESO Education Forum website on the development of the resource.

Links related to this resource:

[Economics for Everyone – A Curriculum Resource by OSSTF/FEESO](#)
[Economics for Everyone \(Second Edition\) – Homepage to Jim Stanford's website](#)
[Economics for Everyone – Additional Lesson Plans and Resources](#)

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Economics for Everyone

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