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## Learning with Screens in Schools Work Group – Seeking Applications

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Harvey Bischof, President

### For Immediate Action

The Provincial Executive is seeking six members to form a Learning with Screens in Schools Work Group. The work group will provide information and recommendations to the Provincial Executive as well as provide updates and a final report to AMPA 2019.

The scope of the work group shall include (but not be limited to):

- effects on learning
- effects on health (for the learner and teacher)
- the cost to school boards/public education system to invest in screens and/or supporting technology
- the waste generated due to obsolescence and/or lack of proper support/failed implementation.

Tasks of the work group could include:

- a summary of the evidence the benefits and/or harms of screens on learning
- a summary of the evidence the benefits and/or harms of screens on health
- a cost analysis, including waste costs to be released to the public
- recommendations for teachers/educational workers for use of screens in education
- recommendations to the Ministry of Education and/or school boards for use of screens in education and allocation of funds for education technology

The work group shall include at least 3 psychologists, 2 social workers and one teacher who are knowledgeable in this area.

Any member in good standing with OSSTF/FEESO who is interested in applying for the Learning with Screens in Schools Work Group must submit a brief letter outlining their experience and expertise in this area. In support of any application, the Bargaining Unit president must submit a letter of recommendation to be considered as a potential member of the work group. 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.

Interested members should submit application and recommendation letters by no later than 4:00 p.m. on **June 8, 2018**. Applications can be sent to the attention of Rosemary Judd-Archer by fax to 416-751-7079, or by email to [karla.hernandez@osstf.ca](mailto:karla.hernandez@osstf.ca). Individuals who are selected to participate will be notified following approval by the Provincial Executive.

For more information contact [rosemary.judd-archer@osstf.ca](mailto:rosemary.judd-archer@osstf.ca) or [norm.westbury@osstf.ca](mailto:norm.westbury@osstf.ca).

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