



On-Line Copyright Decision Tool for Educators

To: Presidents and All Members

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For Information

OSSTF/FEESO continues to advocate for the fair use of print/broadcast/digital material for educational purposes.

The Supreme Court of Canada decision in 2012 clarified the meaning of “fair dealing” for the classroom when it comes to using copyrighted material by educators.

To ensure that copyright violations are avoided, the Copyright Consortium of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), has launched the Copyright Decision Tool. It is an on-line resource developed to assist with the understanding of copyright and when copyrighted materials can be used without getting permission under the fair dealing provisions of the Copyright Act.

We are recommending that all educational workers use the Copyright Decision Tool to assist in their use of copyrighted material and protect against allegations of violating copyright by the owners and publishers of it.

The web site can be found at www.copyrightdecisiontool.ca and is easily accessed by computer and mobile device.

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