



Ontario College of Teachers Invitation to Participate in Focus Groups

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Paul Elliott, President

For Action

OSSTF/FEESO staff has recently learned from local leaders who were fielding questions from members of Ontario College of Teachers' invitations to members to participate in focus groups planned for this summer. The email entitled, "*The Ontario College of Teachers Wants to Hear From You!*" has been sent to randomly selected members of the College.

Upon request, OSSTF/FEESO was provided with some information concerning the focus groups the College is facilitating this summer. The process is described as part of the regular "consult with our members to inform the work of the College – our annual summer focus groups are one method used to obtain member feedback. Participation is entirely voluntary."

This summer, OCT is holding sessions in six locations across Ontario:

- July 18, 2017 – Ottawa (English and French sessions)
- July 20, 2017 – Kingston (English sessions)
- July 25, 2017 – London (English sessions)
- July 27, 2017 – Sudbury (English and French sessions)
- August 1, 2017 – Toronto (English sessions)
- August 3, 2017 – St. Catharines (English sessions)

The College will also be facilitating separate sessions with members of the public at these locations. While the College does not circulate the questions in advance, they will be consulting with members to obtain their feedback on a number of policy and communication questions.

Since OSSTF/FEESO has not been provided with the questions that will be used, it is important to remind members to familiarize themselves with the Federation's established policies if they receive an invitation and choose to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Bates at the provincial office.

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