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Telephone Town Halls for Government Consultations on Education in Ontario

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Harvey Bischof, President

For Action

The Ontario Government has just opened [registration for telephone town halls](#) related to its consultations on education in Ontario. Town halls are set by region and take place during the day or in the evening. The town halls are in addition to the on-line consultations that are open until December 15, 2018, as outlined in D/BU #30 2018/19.

Anyone can participate in a town hall by registering through the [ForTheParents.ca](#) website. Space is limited and registrations are on a first come, first served basis. As the website suggests, if someone is not able to participate in a town hall in their regions, they are encouraged to participate in another town hall in a region close to them.

Members are encouraged to register and participate in the town halls and share their opinions. It is critical that educators, who know best what works and what doesn't and who value Ontario's publicly funded education system, have their voices heard. As indicated on the government's website, the town halls are taking place as follows:

Northwestern Ontario (including the surrounding area of Thunder Bay, Kenora)

October 19 – 12:00 to 1:30pm (EST)

November 14 – 6:30 to 8:00pm

Southwestern Ontario (including the surrounding area of Windsor, Sarnia, London, Kitchener)

October 23: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

November 1: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (French)

November 10: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Greater Toronto Area – West

October 25: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Hamilton)

October 26: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Peel, Halton)

October 29: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Niagara)

Greater Toronto Area – North (York)

October 24: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

November 13: 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Greater Toronto Area – East (Durham)



October 29: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
November 8: 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Toronto

October 25: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
October 27: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
November 1: 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Central Ontario (including the surrounding area of Barrie, Peterborough)

November 15: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
November 21: 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Northeastern Ontario (including the surrounding area of North Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie)

October 23: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
November 20: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
November 26: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (French)
November 29: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Eastern Ontario (including the surrounding area of Kingston, Brockville, Cornwall)

October 30: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
November 16: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
November 22: 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Ottawa

October 24: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
October 30: 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. (French)
November 2: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Local leaders are asked to draw this information to the attention of their members. If you have any questions about this D/BU, please contact Cathy Renfrew at cathy.renfrew@osstf.ca.

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