



## OSSTF/FEESO – WHITE RIBBON Joint Project ‘Drawing the Line on Sexual Violence – A Guide for Ontario Educators 9-12’

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Harvey Bischof, President,

### For Information

Through education and awareness-raising partnerships, White Ribbon challenges negative, outdated concepts of manhood and inspires men to understand and embrace the incredible potential they have to be part of positive change. Since 1991, men have worn a white ribbon as a pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women or girls.

Sexual violence is pervasive in Canada and around the world. Putting an end to sexual violence requires changes in both attitudes and behaviours, and educators have a key role to play in laying the foundation for those changes. ***Drawing the Line on Sexual Violence*** was written by members of OSSTF/FEESO, in collaboration with White Ribbon, to support teachers and education workers in raising awareness among their students about topics in relation to sexual violence prevention. This guide presents engaging lessons that draw on the expectations from various subjects in the Ontario curriculum to address topics such as consent, healthy relationships, safety, conflict management, personal safety, decision making and the role of bystanders in sexual violence prevention. They are appropriate for both elementary and secondary students.

OSSTF/FEESO and White Ribbon have worked together on bringing many initiatives and resources to Ontario educators. ***Drawing the Line on Sexual Violence*** uses a cross curricular approach, providing opportunities for students to apply critical-thinking and problem solving strategies in a variety of contexts. The real-life scenarios will engage students and promote discussion of a range of topics.

Members may also order or download copies of the Draw the Line cards, posters, or educators' guide by going to [www.dtl.whiteribbon.ca](http://www.dtl.whiteribbon.ca)

We encourage members to subscribe to the ***Draw the Line*** Educators' Newsletter to learn more about new resources by using the link:

<http://eepurl.com/cWEBW9>

Sexual violence is everyone's problem. It's never okay. Speak out against it. Spread the word. For more information, contact Tracey Marshall via email at [tracey.marshall@osstf.ca](mailto:tracey.marshall@osstf.ca) or at Provincial Office.

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