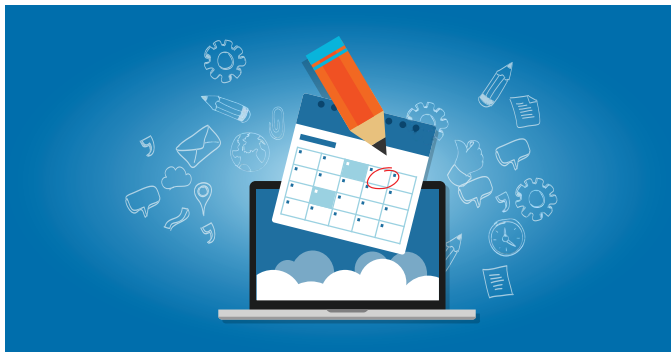


The newsletter for Educational Services Officers



ESO Conference April 12 & 13, 2018

In April the ESO Conference will take place in Toronto at the Westin Toronto Airport Hotel. Participants will have the opportunity to listen to speakers and attend workshops designed to enhance their roles as ESOs. The event will also provide an excellent opportunity for ESOs to network and share ideas and best practices for providing professional development in their Districts and Bargaining Units. Please mark the date on your calendars and watch for more information in upcoming ESO Notes.

researchED Conferences

What is researchED? It's a grassroots organization based in the UK whose aim is to provide those in the field of education professional development opportunities that are based in evidence and research. They gather together educators, academics, administrators and other education stakeholders at conferences to share classroom-related research and best practices. Their goal is to keep such conferences affordable so they typically occur on Saturdays and are held in schools. Registration fees are usually around \$50.

If you check their website at www.researched.org.uk, upcoming researchED conferences are listed. Toronto's first researchED conference will be happening on November 11, 2017 at the University of Toronto and OSSTF/FEESO President Harvey Bischof will be speaking on one of the panels. Registration can be completed online for \$60.

What's even more exciting is that OSSTF/FEESO will be hosting its own researchED conference in Mississauga on April 14, 2018. This conference will follow ESO conference so you may want to attend both. Save the date; more details to follow.

Reporting your Bargaining Unit or District's PD

Remember to contact your Regional Coordinator to let them know any PD that is planned or has been delivered to the members in your District!



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Educational Services Awards

The Educational Service Committee administers three awards that you should familiarize yourself with in order to identify potential nominees from your District and Bargaining Unit.

Nominations for all three awards can be submitted online. Nominations for all three awards close January 31.

The André Lécuyer Award

which is presented annually to a member in recognition of outstanding contributions, especially in the area of professional developments.

The Kelly Ann McKenzie Award

which is given annually to a current member of OSSTF/FEESO who has made substantive contributions to the professional growth and development of education worker members over an extended period of time.

Nancy Warrener Award

is presented annually to an OSSTF/FEESO member who demonstrates a high level of energy, a positive outlook, commitment to the professional development needs of all members, assistance to new OSSTF/FEESO members, and involvement at both the district and provincial levels.

ESO Officer Language in your Local Constitution

Please note that according to the Provincial OSSTF/FEESO Constitution, each District must appoint an Educational Services Officer (18.1.2.3) as must each Bargaining Unit do so as well (19.1.6.9). All ESOs are asked to check their District and Bargaining Unit Constitution to ensure that such language exists, including a description and the duties of the role of an ESO. If you require assistance in procuring such language, please make a request to your Regional Coordinator.

OSSTF/FEESO Financial Assistance Awards for Further Education

Financial Assistance is available to members of OSSTF/FEESO who wish to further their own education or research. If you know of a member who is pursuing further education, please direct them to our Financial Assistance Awards [webpage](#).