

**CONTRACT DISCUSSIONS**

Our provincial representatives met with the government in early November to discuss a possible extension of the collective agreement and a remedy in light of the successful Bill 115 Charter challenge ruling. No agreement was reached on either an extension or a remedy.

We will now focus on preparing for the next round of central and local bargaining. The current collective agreement expires on August 31, 2017.

BENEFIT CHANGES

The current provincial plan is for members in our District to complete the enrolment process in January 2017 for the new benefits plan - which will then become effective on February 1, 2017. Please ensure that the OSSTF has your current mailing address as well as non-board email address in their database. OTIP, the new provincial benefits carrier, will be sending enrolment and coverage information to members and it is vital that accurate contact information be used. Contact provincial office at 1-800-267-7867 if an update of your information is required.

ARC COMMITTEES / SCHOOL CONSOLIDATIONS

A meeting was held recently at NLSS for our members there to bring forth their questions and concerns re the Board's proposal for a Forest-area K-12 school to be addressed by board and school administration. Please continue to bring forth your questions and concerns during this process to your school administration.

Members are advised to show professional consideration to our fellow-members and staff colleagues in all forms of communication as well as be aware of the legal duty of loyalty to our employer (i.e. the LKDSB). Employees are subject to disciplinary action when statements attributed to them are made that are critical of the employer or that are under the scope of the employer (e.g. all workplace matters).

AMPA

A notice will be going to each school providing information about the selection of Delegates to the 2017 Annual Meeting of Provincial Assembly to be held in Toronto March 10—13, 2017. We would encourage members to consider putting their name forward to become part of the District 10 delegation. Our District's delegation will be selected by the District Council in January, 2017.

DONATION

A donation has been made to the Secondary Schools' Nutrition Program in both Lambton and Kent Counties on behalf of the teachers of OSSTF District 10.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (IN HONOUR OF MARION DRYSDALE)

Information regarding the awards has been forwarded to the schools. Winning entries from each of the schools must be in our office by November 18, 2016 by 4 pm. Local judging will take place and the winning entries will be sent on for Regional and Provincial adjudication. Contact the District Office if you would like us to pick up the entries.