



WELCOME BACK

Our Executive Assistant, Carolyn Trigatti and Federation Officer, Hugh Garrett and I would like to welcome all of you back to a school year which we anticipate will be busy with the interpretation and implementation of Bill 122, the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: OCTOBER 1, 2014

All members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting to explain and discuss the strategy for bargaining under Bill 122, the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act. Elected Provincial Executive members and Provincial Office staff will be on hand to answer your questions and to ensure that every member understands the strategy.

Wednesday, October 1, 2014
At 4:00 PM
UAW Local 251 Hall
88 Elm Drive South, Wallaceburg

TEACHERS ALP

Again this year we have subscribed to the Teachers ALP website to offer suggestions on completing your ALP. On our website (www.osstfd10.ca) under the District News column, you will find the instructions for logging on to the site.

CERTIFICATION RATING STATEMENT

Occasional teachers are reminded that they should apply for an OSSTF Certification Rating Statement in order to be paid according to their qualifications and experience once they obtain a long term occasional position. All teachers who are not currently at Category 4 or those that have taken courses for upgrade should make application for upgrade as there have been recent changes in the Certification requirements. You must notify the Board that you have made application for upgrade. Prior to taking any courses intended to upgrade your category, you are reminded that you must obtain written approval from Provincial Office Certification department. All the requisite forms for new applications, upgrades or course approvals can be obtained from either www.osstfd10.ca or www.osstf.ca

GRID ADVANCEMENT

In the absence of a new collective agreement, language regarding Grid movement for qualifications and experience remains the same as last year with grid movement being recognized on the 97th school day of the school year. Grid advancement for an extra degree allowance is not affected by any postponement period and should be paid as per the Collective Agreement in September, 2013 or retroactively to this date once the Board receives the paperwork.

RETIREMENT

Those considering retirement within the next five years should attend the Retirement Workshop on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 beginning at 4 pm at Baldoon Golf Club in Wallaceburg. Staff from Provincial Office will be there to present and answer questions. Please let Carolyn know either by email office@osstfd10.ca or phone if you plan to attend.

I wish you an enjoyable and professionally rewarding school year.