



SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

DISTRICT COUNCIL

FEDERATION OFFICER'S REPORT

The District is closely monitoring the return to a more traditional September schedule. While the pandemic forced some flexibility and cooperation in how classes and supervision were scheduled, our expectation is that there are no new precedents in place in how Articles 25 and 26 are interpreted. A careful review of all timetables and supervision will be conducted after the 10th working day (Monday, September 19th) of the semester to ensure compliance with the Collective Agreement. If you become aware that a case is being made for a “new normal”, please reach out to your Branch President or the District Office directly. There should be no undocumented scheduling agreements in place.

Negotiations

Negotiations are underway with the expiry of the Collective Agreement on August 31st, 2022. Please ensure that your most recent contact information is on file with your Branch President and District Office so that we are able to provide you with updates as they occur.

As the school and federation year begins, it is very important that Branches elect their Executive and a Collective Bargaining Committee representative. A meeting of this committee will be scheduled very soon and it is important that the voices of our membership are represented from each branch.

Professional Judgement

Growing Success (pg. 152) defines professional judgment as, “judgement that is informed by professional knowledge of curriculum expectations, context, evidence of learning, methods of instruction and assessment, and the criteria and standards that indicate success in student learning. In professional practice, judgement involves a purposeful and systematic thinking process that evolves in terms of accuracy and insight with ongoing reflection and self-correction.”

It continues to be a dynamic time in public education with the addition of new courses and discourse about assessment and evaluation. Please remember that you have the right to OSSTF representation should your “conduct or competence” be questioned. This can include your decisions related to assessment and evaluation, teaching and use of on-line course shells.

Yours in solidarity,

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