



Project LINK

To: District/Bargaining Unit Presidents
From: Paul Elliott, President

For Information

OSSTF/FEESO offers Project LINK, a career counseling service for members who may wish to explore career alternatives.

A Bargaining Unit President or designate may submit applications to Provincial Office to request career counseling for members who are experiencing difficulties practicing their professions/vocations to such a degree that they are seriously considering other work options. Some typical issues might include:

- loss of contract
- position elimination
- burn-out
- health or emotional problems
- unsatisfactory performance appraisals
- disciplinary procedures
- loss of interest

The program may also assist members who want to explore external and vocational opportunities. The counseling service typically consists of a vocational evaluation followed by two hour counseling session. During the session the result of assessment materials are reviewed and possible career options are explored and suggested.

Project LINK neither provides funds for tuition nor retraining fees. It also does not provide job placement services.

In order to access Project LINK, a completed application form must be forwarded by a member's Bargaining Unit President. The present coordinator is Tony Stokes, Executive Assistant, OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office.



The application will be reviewed by the LINK coordinator, and if appropriate it will be approved and forwarded to the counseling provider.

Confirmation of approval will be sent to the member with a copy to the Bargaining Unit President. If the application is denied, the member will be informed.

The counseling provider will contact the applicant directly regarding the specifics of the project. The counseling provider may also suggest additional counseling time if the circumstances warrant.

Completed applications should be sent by FAX to:

Tony Stokes
Executive Assistant, OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office
FAX 416-751-7858

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Application for Individual Career Counseling

ALL INFORMATION IS HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE

Applicant Information

Name	Date
Address (include postal code)	School/Work site Address (include postal code)
Home Telephone #	School Telephone #
Mobile Telephone #	Email

Background Information

Number of years OSSTF Membership	OSSTF Membership#
OSSTF District Name	Bargaining Unit
OSSTF District #	

REASON FOR REQUEST (Please supply details as to whether the member is in peril, professionally or personally, is ill or disabled, is just interested in exploring other careers or any other reason why the member is a candidate for LINK.)

Attach additional sheet if necessary

Application completed by: _____ (title): _____

I give permission to OSSTF to share information contained in this application to the career counselling service provider

Signature of applicant

Date

FAX application to:
Tony Stokes, Executive Assistant
Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation
60 Mobile Drive, Toronto, Ontario M4A 2P3
Telephone: 416-751-8300 or 1-800-267-7867
Fax: 416-751-7858