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Reminders

- ◆ **Mid-July**— Records of Employment (ROEs) will be mailed out by the TDSB to all Occasional Teachers
- ◆ **August 15**— Your Renewal Notice must be completed online - including your College of Teachers membership number
- ◆ **Aug. 19-22**
Aug. 26-29
Summer LTO Posting Dates
- ◆ **Before Sept.** - Employee Offence Declaration must be completed on-line
- ◆ **Sept. 2**—The new school year begins



**Closed for the
Summer**

Effective June 26th,
our office will be closed
until Sept. 2nd.

Please call
ETFO Provincial at
416 962-3836 should you
need emergency assistance.

Are you no longer
Occasional Teaching for the TDSB?
Please send us an email to let us know
so we can update our records.

THE DISPATCH

Your New Pocket Calendar

Once again our Local has produced an excellent pocket calendar designed to provide information an occasional teacher will find valuable many times throughout the school year. You can refer to the back cover for frequently called phone numbers and websites. Other information included:

- ◆ P.D. Days and School Breaks
- ◆ Pay dates
- ◆ Pay calculation (Daily and Long Term)
- ◆ Documentation required for salary determination
- ◆ Board Payroll contacts
- ◆ Access to jobs online (Daily and Long Term)
- ◆ TEL registration—step by step
- ◆ Professional reminders

Our Contract Expires August 31, 2008

Our Collective Agreement, along with that of every other Education Employee in the Province, expires on August 31, 2008. On June 6th, Contract and Occasional Teacher Local Presidents signed a Takeover Agreement with ETFO Provincial. This is a strong message that ETFO will be moving forward in bargaining to *Close the Gap*.

The coming year may bring the negotiations of ETFO Locals including ETT and our own Local into the media and possibly into the classroom through job action. We need you to stay informed about our negotiations as well as those of your colleagues in the schools.

Employment Insurance

On June 11th, our Local hosted an information session for those interested in filing for Employment Insurance this summer. The following information may be useful to members who were not able to attend. Applications are filed on-line at www.servicecanada.gc.ca.

A reference code has been assigned specifically for School Board Employees:

3515012008SCHOOL - for service in English
 3529012008FRENCH - for service in French

Enter the Reference Code exactly as shown, using capital letters. These codes will be used for the Summer, December and March breaks, during the following periods:

Summer 2008—June 2, 2008 to August 1, 2008
 December break 2008—December 8, 2008 to January 23, 2009
 March break 2009—March 2, 2009 to April 3, 2009

You will no longer be asked to provide a return to work date on your application. In order to maintain a claim, you must be actively looking for work in an area of employment other than teaching.

The TDSB has advised us that the Records of Employment (ROE) will be sent electronically to Service Canada and mailed directly to employees mid July. Service Canada states, "You should not delay in filing more than 4 weeks after your last week of work or you may lose benefits. (Their Representative suggested applying on July 14th.) You do not need your ROE to apply, however they will be required to calculate your benefits."

If you have any questions about your Employment Insurance application, please call Service Canada—Employment Insurance Contact Centre at 1-800-206-7218.

The Good News for LTOs—Starting in September

There are two clauses in our soon-to-be-expired Collective Agreement that come into effect this September. You should be aware of these improvements, and what these gains could mean to you. The TDSB is known to have difficulty implementing change! **You need to check that you are being given credit for all eligible teaching experience should you accept an LTO.**

- ◆ 5.6.0. “Long Term Occasional Teacher” shall mean an Occasional Teacher who is employed for a period of 15 or more consecutive school days as a substitute for one teacher. **Effective August 31, 2008 – 15 days changes to 12 days.**
- ◆ 10.4.1. **Effective August 31, 2008, recognized teaching experience shall include short-term, daily occasional teaching experience with the Toronto District School Board obtained after September 1, 2006** such that each twenty (20) days of accumulated experience shall equate to one-tenth of a year of credit. It is understood that this calculation applies to grid placement **for long-term occasional teaching assignments only.**

Professional Development and Social Events for this Fall

Our Local has organized a complete package of PD and Social events for the beginning of the new school year. Be sure to look at the enclosed PD and Social Flyers. (Please give some thought to getting involved in these committees.) Our office is closed for the summer so emailed requests for registration will not be acknowledged until September.

Space is limited for all our events. Once you have been registered, it's important that you make a firm commitment to attend. Should something come up and you are no longer able to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so your spot can be offered to another member.

Excellent School Award Winners 2007-2008

The surveys have been tabulated and the winners selected for each of the eight dispatch zones. The winning schools are awarded an “Excellent School Award” plaque and a set of mugs for the staffroom. Letters of acknowledgement are also sent to the Superintendents and Area Superintendents, making this a coveted award. See the enclosed flyer for the list of winners and honourable mentions. Our thanks to all the members who took the time to mail in their survey.

Last Reminder to Complete your Renewal/Benefits Information

Don't forget to take care of those year end obligations. Be sure to complete your on-line Renewal Letter and Employee Offence Declaration by August 15th. You should have already completed and returned (by June 30th) the Benefits enrolment package, if you qualified. If your records show that you worked 90 days and you did not receive the application package, call the Benefits department as soon as possible. The phone number is in your new pocket calendar.

Message from your President:

Dear Colleagues,

Starting this Fall, we will be offering members the opportunity to select how they receive our newsletter, *The Dispatch*. If you are interested in saving trees and space in your recycling bin, you can have your newsletter delivered electronically. Just send an email to robfulford@ica.net to request e-newsletters. Paper editions will still be sent to those who prefer a hard copy. (No action is required to continue to get a mailed newsletter). Everyone will still receive their pocket calendar and summer newsletter by Canada Post.

This year we had many calls from Occasional Teachers on pension with questions about the limitations on occasional teaching after retirement, particularly if they retired between September 1, 2001 and August 31, 2006. If you are seeking clarification on the rules, look on the internet at <http://docs.otpp.com/TeachingAfterRetirement.pdf>

As we mentioned on the front page, job action by ourselves or our sister Local ETT could interrupt our opportunity to work. You will be kept informed of any developments through *Provincial Takeover Bulletins* printed on lilac paper. Please be cautious when planning your financial commitments for the immediate future. We all hope for the best but need to plan for the worst.

Finally, we encourage members interested in applying for LTOs beginning in September, to apply early. Don't wait until the day the posting closes to send in your resume. Principals start looking for candidates to interview as soon as they receive the first application. The posting dates are on the front page under *Reminders*.

Enjoy a calm and relaxing summer. We could be coming back to an action filled school year.

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