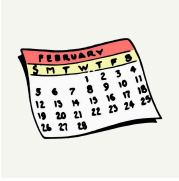


Unit Update January 26, 2024



Planning for 2024-2025

It's hard to believe that planning for the 2024-2025 school year is already underway. If you are planning to take a leave of absence, are returning to the system, or are applying for an increase or decrease to your FTE, you will want to make sure that you write down this date - **FEBRUARY 28th**. This is the Board's deadline to ensure you have completed the form for any change in status for next year. The form will be shared through email from Board Business. Deadlines are of the utmost importance during this time. Requests made outside of timelines are more likely to be denied.

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Bursaries

Are you pursuing postgraduate studies? Application links for Scholarships, Fellowships, and Bursaries are now active on the Provincial website. For more information, please click on the following links: [Scholarships](#) [Fellowships](#) [Bursaries](#)

Winter Weather

Winter is in full force in the area. It is our hope that your school yard and parking lot are maintained properly. We know that this is not always the case. Should there be any concerns about the safety and condition of the parking lot or school year, ensure that the condition of the area is noted and formally (via email) reported to your school principal or the administrator who has facilities in their portfolio as well as your OECTA Joint Health and Safety Representative. This can also be a discussion topic at your school Joint Health and Safety meetings.



Local Unit Support

We are here to support you in the event that you are contacted by OCT, CAS, or the Police. If you are contacted by any of these agencies, or if you receive notification from Human Resources regarding any concerns, it is imperative that you reach out to the Unit Office as soon as possible. Your release officers are here to help you navigate these types of situations in order to ensure your safety as well as protecting your career.

OTIP Teaching Awards

Nominations are now being accepted to recognize and celebrate teachers with the OTIP Teaching Awards. If you would like to nominate one of your colleagues, check out this link: [Nominate a Deserving Teacher!](#)

Reminders and Upcoming Events:

- **January 31:** Deadline to apply for an x/y (self-funded leave)
- **February 3:** RTO Retirement Workshop [Registration](#)
- **February 8: Trivia Night at the Prescott** (Team Captains please check your emails for more information about this event.)
- **Beginning Teachers Contest-** Chalk Talk- a contest for teachers in their first 10 years to creatively share their survival tips! Create a video on Flip Grid and share your hints to make it through! Contest closes January 26.