

# Teachers' Bulletin

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## **OSSTF Halton Teachers' Council 2015-2016**

The OSSTF Halton Teachers' Council held their first Council meeting in the new office at 980 Fraser Drive in Burlington on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Leadership Training Workshop held that day included topics such as the Branch Presidents' Legal Status and Role, Grievance Process, New Contract Language Implementation, Employee Accident Reports, Violent Incident Reports and Student Safety Plans.

## **Time is Money!**

## **Get the salary you deserve!**

The OSSTF Certification Department evaluates teacher academic/technical credentials and issues Certification Rating Statements for salary placement purposes.

Only the Certification Department can give authoritative advice on the certification process.

Upgrading courses for use in salary placement must be approved by the OSSTF Certification Department.

Don't wait! Re-evaluate!

Go to the Certification link under Services at [www.osstf.on.ca](http://www.osstf.on.ca).



Co-Branch Presidents Stephanie Briggs and Anna Diehl from Hayden participated in the Leadership Training Workshop at the new OSSTF Halton Teachers' Office in November.

**Wishing you all the best of the Season! Enjoy the Holidays!**

## Maternity/Parenting Workshop

When: Thursday February 11, 2016  
4:30 PM to 5:15 PM  
Where: Halton Secondary Teachers Office  
980 Fraser Drive, Unit 211 Burlington ON

Please contact the HSTBU Office at 905 332 1228 or email Lorie Wiersma at [wiersmal@osstfd20.ca](mailto:wiersmal@osstfd20.ca) to confirm attendance.

## OSSTF Halton Teachers Bargaining Unit Supports Self-Directed PD

The OSSTF Halton Teachers Bargaining Unit offers contract teachers support for self-directed Professional Development. Members may apply for \$100 reimbursement per school year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016) for any OTF or OSSTF PD event/conference, or any independent Ontario subject council conference (i.e. STAO, OAGEE, OHASSTA, OAME). Funds are limited, and will be considered on a first come, first served basis.

Please note: AQ's, ABQ's and Honour Specialist or 3-part Specialist courses do not qualify as these may be required by the OCT or the employer as a condition of employment or salary advancement.

Submit completed forms to Janet Scott, Educational Services Officer, OSSTF District 20 (Halton), by Board courier or by fax: 905-332-9220.

Click here to apply: [PD Fund For Teachers](#)

## Teachers Helping Teachers Series

The Halton Secondary Teacher Bargaining Unit is sponsoring release time for *collaborative planning* projects involving teams of 2-3 permanent contract teachers. These projects may be departmental, interdepartmental, or involve teachers from different schools. Teachers may apply for up to 1 half day of release. As funds are limited, approval for projects will be based on a first come-first serve basis and the number of applications submitted taking into consideration the schools and subject areas represented.

Please complete both pages of the application and submit asap. Please note that we require a minimum of 1 week to request and obtain a HARRI code for each project.

Completed requests may be sent to Janet Scott, Educational Services Officer, via Board courier c/o Abbey Park H.S., or email completed applications to [scottj@osstfd20.ca](mailto:scottj@osstfd20.ca).

Click here to apply: [Teachers Helping Teachers](#).

## OSSTF Retirement Planning Workshop

When: Thursday, February 4, 2016,  
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Where: OSSTF Halton Teachers' Office  
980 Fraser Road, Unit 211  
Burlington

Who: Teachers who are thinking of retiring in the next 5 years, or teachers who want to be proactive and begin thinking about the logistics of retirement.

What: Information on the Teachers' Pension Plan, financial planning, health and dental benefits.

How to Register: Contact Lorie Wiersma at 905-332-1228 or [wiersmal@osstfd20.ca](mailto:wiersmal@osstfd20.ca).

## 2014-17 Collective Agreement

The TBU Collective Agreement for 2014-2017 has been fully ratified.

It is now being prepared for publication. Once it is ready, an electronic copy of the full agreement will be posted on the District 20 website. In addition, all teachers will receive a print copy of the agreement.

In the meantime, a summary of the key central and local items of the new contract can be found on the D20 website.

Questions about the contract should be directed to Jim Young at the OSSTF Halton Teachers' office (905-332-1228 or [youngj@osstfd20.ca](mailto:youngj@osstfd20.ca))

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