

# Bulletin



The new Halton Secondary Teachers' Office is located at 980 Fraser Drive, Suite 211, in Burlington.

## We Are Moving Oct. 28th

As of Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> the OSSTF Halton Secondary Teachers' Office will be located at 980 Fraser Drive, Suite 211 in Burlington.

Bronte Movers has been contracted for the move. The office supplies, files and equipment are packed up. During the move the office phone will not be operational. The District Email system will not be interrupted.

## Teachers Helping Teachers OSSTF Sponsors Release Time

The OSSTF Halton Secondary Teachers Unit is sponsoring release time for *collaborative planning* projects involving teams of 2-3 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 served basis and the number of applications submitted taking into consideration the schools and subject areas represented.

Please complete both pages of the application on the OSSTF website [www.osstfd20.ca](http://www.osstfd20.ca) 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).

## Local Agreement Ratified

### Membership In Favour - 79%

On October 16<sup>th</sup> the local deal was ratified with the approval of 79% of the voting membership. At this time I would like to thank all of the Branch Presidents for their work in running the In-School Vote. To the chagrin of many, this means that the administrative sanctions are lifted.

This deal came about after 22 hours of bargaining from the morning of Wednesday September 30 to the morning of Thursday October 1 when we finally reached a tentative local agreement with the board.

Many thanks go to the PRN team and the local CBC for their dedication, determination and perseverance. The PRN team included Jo Dean (Executive Liaison), Chris Goodsir (Protective Services), Jim Young (TBU Chief Negotiator), Ann MacDougall (TBU Vice President), and Janet Scott (TBU Executive Liaison). The foundation for local negotiations was laid by the local Collective Bargaining Committee which included Stephanie Briggs (Hayden), Rod Whate (Milton), Steve Drobnich (Bateman) and Kelly McCarthy (Bateman).

Finally, I would like to thank you, the membership, for your patience and support over these many months of local and central bargaining

**Brad Fisher, TBU President**

## OSSTF Supports Self-Directed PD

The OSSTF Halton Secondary Teachers 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.

In order for applications to be processed, you must include:

- Proof of registration, attendance and/or completion; and
- Proof of payment (i.e. credit card receipt, electronic confirmation).

Applications forms are on the website: [www.osstf.ca](http://www.osstf.ca)

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# Walk into Retirement with a Plan



Presented by:



## During this workshop, you'll learn about:

- Retiree health insurance benefits
- Retirement gratuities
- RRSPs
- Tax and estate planning before and after retirement
- Investments
- Lifestyle planning

### Date:

November 25, 2015

### Time:

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### New Office Location:

**Halton Secondary Teachers Office,  
980 Fraser Ave. Unit 211, Burlington**

### To Register:

Please RSVP by contacting:

Lorie Wiersma

905-332-1228 or [wiersmal@osstfd20.ca](mailto:wiersmal@osstfd20.ca)

*Please note any dietary requirements or accessibility needs at time of registration.*

*A light dinner will be served*

This **free** workshop is open only to members and spouses. It covers valuable information that will be useful to all those planning to retire within the next five years.

## 4th Annual OSSTF D20 Teachers Children's Christmas Party

**Please join us:**



### What:

**OSSTF Children's Christmas Party**

### Who:

**Children 12 years old and under**

### When:

**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm**

### Where:

**Lil' Monkeys,  
3250 Harvester Rd  
Burlington, ON L7N**

### Why:

**Celebrate the Holidays and a Fundraiser for the Partnership West Foodbank**

All participating families are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food items which will be collected and donated to the Partnership West Food Bank.

The evening will include a visit from Santa for pictures and treats, holiday music, lots of play time and pizza. Space is limited (first 200 children), so register early!!

To register, please contact Lorie Wiersma [wiersmal@osstfd20.ca](mailto:wiersmal@osstfd20.ca) with the number of children and adults planning to attend.

**BRING YOUR CAMERA!!!**