

Grievance Successful Prep Period Defended

Arbitration Averted

The Communication Centre Teachers now have schedules that recognize their contractual right to a prep period. Previously they had been assigned to teach 4 periods a day by the Board.

The Board's Administrative Council agreed in June to respect Article 18.11.00 of the Collective Agreement and authorized the hiring of 20 sections of additional Teaching staff to correct the contract violation.

The arbitration hearing rescheduled for October has now been called off.

Ontario's Education Stability Hangs in the Balance

Ontario Election October 6 [Ontario Votes 2011](#)

After eight years of stability under a Liberal government, Ontario Teachers are facing the possibility of a Conservative government and a return to the unrest experienced under previous Conservative administrations.

Recent polls show Conservative leader Hudak with a narrow lead over Premier McGuinty and 56% of the electorate simply desiring a change in government.

Ontario Teachers face the end of their 4 year contracts August 31, 2012. The results of this election could have a tremendous impact on collective bargaining.

All members of the District are encouraged to educate themselves regarding the issues, volunteer at a campaign office, take a lawn sign, and make sure they exercise their vote.

The District Political Action Committee has produced the candidate information below. Further election information will be made available to members on the District website and in this newsletter.

Halton Riding Information - District 20 Political Action Committee (CPAC)

Party / Riding	Burlington	Halton	Oakville	Wellington Halton Hills
Green http://www.gpo.ca	Andrew Chlobowski http://greenparty.ca/campaign/35060			
Liberal http://www.ontarioliberal.ca/	Karmel Sakran http://votesakran.ca/	Indira Naidoo-Harris http://voteindira.ca/	Kevin Flynn http://kevinflynn.ca/	Moya Johnson http://www.moyajohnson.ca/
NDP http://ontariondp.com	Peggy Russell http://peggyrussell.ca/	Nik Spohr http://nikspohr.ca/	Lesley Sprague http://lesleysprague.ca/	Dale Hamilton http://dalehamilton.ca/
PC http://www.ontariopc.com/	Jane McKenna http://janemckenna.ca/	Ted Chudleigh http://tedchudleigh.com/	Larry Scott http://larryscott.ca/	Ted Arnott http://www.ontariopc.com/wellington-halton-hills/

OSSTF Workshops

Maternity/Parenting Workshop

Monday September 19, 2011 @ 4:00 pm

New to Teaching Math Workshop

Friday September 30, 2011 @ 8:30 am

Release Time and Lunch Provided

New to Teaching English Workshop

Friday September 30, 2011 @ 12:00 pm

Release Time and Lunch Provided

New to Teaching Canada and World Studies Workshop

Wednesday October 5, 2011 @ 12:00 pm

Release Time and Lunch Provided

New to Teaching Science Workshop

Wednesday September 21 @ 12:00 pm (tentative)

Release Time and Lunch Provided

Workshops are held at:

OSSTF District 20 Office
3410 South Service Road
Burlington, ON

Call Lorie Wiersma @ 905 332 1228 to reserve your spot.

Long Term Disability Insurance Ineligibility

Removal from Plan Warranted

If you should fall into any of the following categories please contact John Watson, Health and Benefits Officer, at District Office to discuss removal from the LTDI plan:

- You have reached/or are reaching the age of 65
- You have submitted your retirement letter to the Halton District School Board
- You are eligible for an unreduced pension with 29 years of credited service with TPP and a minimum 194 sick days with Halton District School Board

Ontario Leaders' Debate Set for Sept. 27

CBC News Sep 2, 2011 12:05 PM ET

For more election coverage: [Votes 2011](#)

Leaders of Ontario's main political parties will square off in a televised debate set for the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 27.

The campaign's only scheduled debate ahead of the Oct. 6 election will be broadcast on CBC, CTV, Global, TVO and Sun News Network.

The debate is set for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The venue, format and moderator have yet to be decided.

Participating in the debate will be Premier Dalton McGuinty of the Liberals, Tim Hudak of the Progressive Conservative Party and Andrea Horwath of the Ontario New Democrats.

**October 6, 2011
Vote**

Health and Safety Training Opportunity

WHSC Level 1 Health and Safety Training

OSSTF will cover the cost of the course

WHSC Level 1 is an overview of Health and Safety laws in Ontario – your rights as a worker. The level one course is the foundation course for Health and Safety (first of four courses).

The course is 30 hours in length and is being offered through Oakville and District Labour Council and the Workers Centre in Hamilton.

It will be broken into ten 3-hour segments, being offered five Wednesday evening in October/November and five in February/March.

It is important that participants commit to attend all ten segments to receive accreditation for the course. If interested, contact John Watson via CHATT by Tuesday September 13th.

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