

Halton Trustees Pay Going Up 20%!

See details: <http://www.insidehalton.com/news-story/4857002-trustee-pay-going-up-at-halton-public-school-board/>



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Teachers'

Bulletin

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OSSTF/FEESO donates \$500,000 to BCTF

(Toronto) – The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) has donated \$500,000 to the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF).

OSSTF/FEESO President Paul Elliott stated, "BCTF has been through a protracted and costly battle with a government that has been trying for years to undermine teachers' bargaining rights and weaken the foundations of public education in that province. The strike in BC is over, but it has taken a great deal of resolve and sacrifice on the part of BCTF members to finally bring about a fair collective agreement."

BCTF members ratified a new collective agreement yesterday after a three-month strike, and will be back in their classrooms beginning next week.

"Our members are inspired by the tenacity and solidarity shown by BCTF members and their leadership throughout this long battle," continued Elliott. "They have won an important battle on behalf of public education in Canada, and we're pleased to be able to play a small part by alleviating some of the costs of that victory."

The \$500,000 donation was approved at a meeting of OSSTF/FEESO's Provincial Council on September 19th. OSSTF/FEESO has now contributed a total of \$625,000 to BCTF over the course of the dispute.

Vote Yes!

High Strike Vote Strengthens Union Bargaining!

Did you know that:

- The Halton District School Board leadership is actively negotiating for the Ontario Public School Boards Association.
- The Halton District School Board has refused to allow grid advancement until the 97th day despite the rescinding of the Putting Students First Act (Bill 115). OSSTF/FEESO maintains that grid advancement should take place on September 1 of each year. District 20 has issued a policy grievance against the board.
- The board has unilaterally cancelled the Voluntary Leave of Absence Program (VLAP). OSSTF/FEESO maintains that the Voluntary Leave of Absence Program is a part of the Memorandum of Understanding and is a continuing part of our contract. District 20 has issued a policy grievance against the board
- There are indications that the Ontario Public School Boards will want further strips in our contracts in the areas of salaries, grids, sick day plans, benefits, on-calls, supervisions, seniority, and VLAP.
- The province stripped away \$2 billion over the last 2 years from the education sector.

This round of bargaining will set the **template** for future rounds. The government has already tried to create a bargaining environment in which the best that could be hoped for is the **status quo**. And there is no question that the school boards will be looking for **significant strips** to our contracts. For the sake of this, and future, rounds of bargaining, it is essential that OSSTF go to the table in the strongest possible position. And that means taking a **strong strike mandate** with us. Please **vote yes** on both strike ballots.

OSSTF calls for Ontario Labour Board ruling!

See details: http://www.thestar.com/yourtoronto/education/2014/09/19/ontario_teacher_talks_hit_quick_snag_in_new_system.html

