

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

DISTRICT 19 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COMMITTEE

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As you are no doubt aware, the term of our current collective agreement expired on August 31st. However, you are still fully protected because the terms of that agreement are still in effect, so on-calls, supervisions, class sizes, and all other conditions continue as they did last year.

We are in negotiation with the Board. We met during the summer, again on 4th September, and have further dates set for October and early November. The Board is currently negotiating new collective agreements with ten different unions. We have been discussing non-monetary issues and are making progress. As you would expect, salary, benefits, class sizes, supervisions, health and safety, and part-time work are high on our agenda but all the priorities identified by members in the needs survey will be brought to the table. Peel teachers deserve excellent compensation and working conditions. In these negotiations you are represented by the Table Team of Tom Byers, OSSTF Provincial Executive Assistant, Robin Crocker, District President, Al Burnham, Jennifer Keyes and Mike Pankarican, all elected by the Collective Bargaining Committee, and led by me, as Chief Negotiator.

There have also been Provincial Discussion Tables with the Ministry of Education and the various affiliates involved, including ourselves. As details emerge from these discussions, and our negotiations with the Board, you will be kept informed. Integrated District Council will meet on September 18th and the Collec-

tive Bargaining Committee on the 24th. Your Branch President and CBC representative will be important sources of information as negotiations proceed.

Yours in Solidarity,



Amanda Towe,
Chief Negotiator



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