



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE September 2016

Dear Teacher Candidate,

Congratulations on choosing teaching as your profession. The challenges, opportunities and rewards that a career in public education provides generates many opportunities for personal and professional growth.

We are a strong, democratic union that uses its knowledge and power to balance both the protective and professional concerns of its membership which is comprised of more than 60,000 anglophone and francophone educational workers in over 140 bargaining units across Ontario in all sectors of the educational system, from pre-school to post-secondary.

All our expertise and resources are focused on helping educational workers achieve their goals. We have established excellent salaries, pensions, benefits and working conditions for our members and offer high quality professional growth opportunities created by members, for members. OSSTF/FEESO also protects its members and ensures they are treated fairly, including support for due process in disciplinary matters with employers or with the College of Teachers.

OSSTF/FEESO plays a leading role in defending equitable access to high-quality education in Canada and around the world. We work every day to help students succeed in strong, well-funded public education institutions.

As a student in an Ontario Faculty of Education in an Intermediate/Senior or Technological Education program, you are an Associate Member of OSSTF/FEESO. We have put together a wealth of information specifically for teacher candidates at [www.osstf.on.ca/TCinfo](http://www.osstf.on.ca/TCinfo); in addition, you can find a lot of general information about OSSTF/FEESO at [www.osstf.on.ca/askOSSTF](http://www.osstf.on.ca/askOSSTF).

You will also have the opportunity to attend an OSSTF/FEESO Certification presentation. If you attend that session, you will receive an application form for a Letter of Assessment. When the completed form and all necessary documentation is submitted, representatives from the OSSTF/FEESO Certification Department will assess your academic and/or technical credentials and indicate what category or "pay group" you will be in when you are hired for a Long Term Occasional or permanent teaching position at a public secondary school. The category or "pay group" is part of a formalized grid structure included in all collective agreements.

OSSTF/FEESO is also involved in causes that are local, national and international in scope and we do make a difference because our members care about the world they live in and do not hesitate to get involved to help people. This has made OSSTF/FEESO one of the strongest and most respected educational unions in Canada and beyond.

I wish you all the best as you pursue your teacher training; enjoy the experience. I look forward to welcoming you as a full member of OSSTF/FEESO after you have been successful in your future job search in an Ontario public secondary school.

In Solidarity,

Paul Elliott, President



# Information for Ontario Teacher Candidates

## [www.osstf.on.ca/TCinfo](http://www.osstf.on.ca/TCinfo)

The main OSSTF/FEESO website is [www.osstf.on.ca](http://www.osstf.on.ca). Under the “Membership” tab, you will find “Information for Ontario Teacher Candidates” in the drop down menu. Alternatively, you can type in the shortcut URL <http://www.osstf.on.ca/TCinfo>.

From the landing page, you will find the following information, as well as a wide variety of PDF documents and links to other useful information for teacher candidates:

- Information for Ontario Teacher Candidates
- OSSTF/FEESO 101 for Teacher Candidates
- OSSTF/FEESO Federation Day Schedule 2012-2013
- Rights and Duties of OSSTF/FEESO Associate Members
- Professional Conduct
- Practicum Advice for Teacher Candidates
- Teacher Candidates in the Classroom
- Strikes, Practicum and OSSTF/FEESO
- Professional Resources and Supports
- OSSTF/FEESO Faculty of Education Award 2013
- Handy Links for Teacher Candidates
- Certification Presentations
- OSSTF/FEESO Certification Presentation Schedule
- Documents to bring to the OSSTF/FEESO Certification Presentation

Also check us out in Social Media—click on the hot links on the front page of the provincial website to get to:

- OSSTF/FEESO’s Facebook page
- OSSTF/FEESO’s Twitter page
- OSSTF/FEESO’s YouTube Channel

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