
Political Action and Bargaining

Despite all the hard work that was done by many member of the district Communications/Political Action Committee, Doug Ford was re-elected to a majority government. As a result, Education Minister Steven Lecce remains to dictate education policy for the next 4 years. Our next target was the municipal elections in the fall. Several incumbent candidates were re-elected and 2 new trustees were elected. We also saw the election of a few new ward councilors and a new mayor.

After the provincial election was over, we were able to begin bargaining. To date, there have been many official bargaining days at both the Education Worker and Teacher tables. There has been some limited and slow progress on the issues. Bargaining is continuing and dates are scheduled for the remainder of this month. We can expect that this will be a long, hard negotiation to protect our current working conditions and to try to make some gains.

Enough is Enough Campaign

The Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) has kicked off a campaign they are calling 'Enough is Enough'. The ask is for wage increases, keeping education and healthcare public, affordable housing and basic goods. OSSTF is a member of OFL and we are in support of this campaign to protect works and public services. Please share posts on social media and get involved with events and they happen across the province over the next few months.

Ontario Health Coalition

The Ontario Health Coalition is organizing a campaign to stop the privatization of healthcare by the Ford Government. The centre piece of the campaign is a referendum on public healthcare that will happen on May 26-27. The OSSTF office will be one of the voting places for this referendum. If you want to tell the Ford Government that you want to keep Ontario's Healthcare System public, please come out on May 26-27 and let your voice be heard.

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