



PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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OSSTF
District 10

Welcome back. I hope your summer was relaxing and that everyone has had a smooth start-up to the school year. OSSTF, both at the Provincial and local level, will have a busy year ahead and we look forward to the challenges.

Contract Negotiations

Our current Collective Agreement expired on August 31, 2008. The terms and conditions of the 2004-2008 contract will remain in place until a new contract is negotiated. As you read in the Staff Room Rap (also posted on our website at www.osstfd10.ca) there are many rumours surrounding the Provincial Discussion Tables between our Provincial Office and the Ministry. We will keep you updated as news becomes available.

In her address at Provincial Leadership this summer, Education Minister Kathleen Wynne stressed the importance of local bargaining. In District 10 many articles have been agreed upon in principle. Our table team will meet with the Board on September 22, 2008 to resume local negotiations. Again, we will keep you posted on the progress.

Up to Date Personal Information

The onus is you the member to provide both the Board, OCT, OTPP and OSSTF of any changes to your personal information. Please email Pat Groendyk for changes at the Board Office (groendpa@lkdsb.net) and the District 10 office (office@osstfd10.ca) or on our website under 'forms' any name or address changes.

Improving Communications

In an effort to become more environmentally friendly, there will be NO MORE PINK PRESIDENT'S MEMOS. All information will be communicated to your Branch President and posted on our website at www.osstfd10.ca. Please add our website to your favourites and visit us frequently.

Retirement Seminar

If you plan on retiring within the next several years, plan to attend one of the following retirement seminars being offered by the District. RSVP on line www.osstfd10.ca or email Carolyn office@osstfd10.ca

5:00-7pm in Chatham on October 28, 2008 at Country View Golf Club.
5:00-7pm in Sarnia on October 29, 2008 at the District 10 OSSTF Office.

Ruth Kirkham, OSSTF Pensions Officer, will be there to present planning options and answer questions. Posters are now in the schools or on line at www.osstfd10.ca.