



Provincial Budget – Education Implications

The Provincial Budget confirms the importance of education to the current Government. Below are some of the highlights:

1. \$63.5 million to replace the void created by the Federal Government to fund 7600 childcare spaces;
2. Funding increases in the elementary, secondary and post secondary panels;
3. Grants for Student Needs funding increase of \$694 million for 2010-11;
4. Per pupil funding increase of \$464 (4.5 per cent).

The "Public Sector Compensation Piece" if put into legislation, causes some concern. Non-bargained employees in the public sector will be subject to a wage freeze. Any contracts not term specific are affected. **Any OSSTF/FEESO contracts expiring on August 31, 2012 are exempt.**

If legislation is enacted regarding this Public Sector Compensation Piece, it could affect the next round of bargaining if not repealed before then.

AMDA – District Executive Nominations

As of March 23, 2010, the following nominations for District Executive positions have been received:

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| PRESIDENT | | One to be elected |
| ➤ | Barb Young | |
| VICE-PRESIDENTS | | Two to be elected |
| ➤ | Stephen Lynch | |
| ➤ | Terry Stitch | |
| TREASURER | | One to be elected |
| ➤ | James Grant | |
| EXECUTIVE OFFICER | | Two to be elected |
| ➤ | Hugh Garrett | |
| ➤ | Greg Sheeler | |
| PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR | | One to be elected |
| ➤ | Steve Spring | |

Nominations from the floor at AMDA on May 5, 2010 require a nomination form "signed by ten members of the District Assembly representing at least five Branches" according to Bylaw 11.3.1.2.

Federation Family Bursary

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Provincial Office established this bursary program to assist financially the children of OSSTF/FEESO members to enter college, university or apprenticeship programs. Ten \$1,500 bursaries are available this year.

The criteria for the Federation Family Bursary can be found at www.osstfd10.ca under Provincial News.

Pension Slideshow

New slideshows have been made available to help teachers better understand the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan through a new website: FundingYourPension.com.

The content was developed by a committee made up of representatives of L'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO), Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA), Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF), Ontario Government and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan.

The website hosts five separate slideshows:

- Funding Your Pension
- Conditional Inflation Protection
- Plan Maturity
- What is Smoothing?
- Where Assumptions Fit In

The slideshows are from four to 15 minutes long and are accompanied by audio narration. The presentations explain how the pension plan works and the challenges that it faces. The website also provides a FAQ section as well email form that allows you to pose questions of your own.

Upcoming Events

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| Wednesday, May 5, 2010 | AMDA / Drysdale Presentations | Oaks Inn | Wallaceburg |
| Wednesday, May 12, 2010 | Occasional Teachers' AGM | District Office | Sarnia |
| Saturday, May 29, 2010 | Golf Tournament | Heritage Heights | Petrolia |
| Wednesday, June 2, 2010 | District Executive / Council | District Office | Sarnia |
| Thursday, June 10, 2010 | Retirement Dinner | Baldoon Golf Club | Wallaceburg |

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