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DISTRICT COUNCIL

CPAC REPORT

December was a very interesting month from a politics standpoint.

The OSSTF once again held a successful Lobby Day at Queen's Park. Stephen Lynch and I were in attendance from District 10. We met with John Wilkinson, Minister of the Environment and Maria Van Bommel. Stephen then met with Bob Bailey and I moved on to meet with Greg Sorbara who is running the Liberals 2011 Election Campaign.

Make no doubts about it, the 2011 election campaign is going to be kicking off shortly and there is a lot at stake for teachers. Just yesterday in the *Toronto Star*, PC Leader Tim Hudak has promised to cut and rework public sector contracts. This will affect teachers if the Conservatives win the election in 2011.

While I cannot defend some actions taken by the McGuinty government, teachers need to realize that their future is on the line come October. It is up to OSSTF leaders within our District to spread the message and to inform their members as to what Ontario's political parties stand for.

The OSSTF is under no illusion that many of its members were not around to remember the Mike Harris years and common sense revolution. We have one chance to get things moving within our particular District on this and it has to start now. A laissez-faire approach towards this election and things could turn very bad very quickly.

On another note, stay tuned for an upcoming CPAC meeting where we will look to tackle a District 10 newsletter.

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