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DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Ontario Liberal Party

The Premier's International Summit on Education, entitled *Building Blocks for Education: Whole System Reform*, took place on September 13-14, 2010 in Toronto. The two-day event featured five keynote addresses from international leaders. Many of the presenters were openly complimentary of the education system in Ontario.

The Ontario Liberal Party Annual General Meeting was held in Toronto on October 15-17, 2010. OSSTF participated in the OTF hospitality suite.

Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care

The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care has produced a fact sheet and brochure for the upcoming municipal elections. The material highlights the important decisions that newly elected councillors and trustees will make and offers questions to ask candidates

Wellness Symposia

The Educational Services Department of OSSTF is offering a new round of wellness symposia for members. This year's symposia focus on mental wellness, entitled *Overloaded: Strategies to Stay Healthy in a Stressful World* is being presented by Franyoise Mathieu, a certified mental health counsellor. The first symposia will take place in Toronto on November 8, 2010 and in London on November 23, 2010.

Motions

Provincial Council passed motions requesting that CBC develop a template for teacher qualifications, respective subjects and mutual consent requirements and that a workgroup be established to make recommendations on issues related to automated call-out systems.

ECE Membership

Through ECE Membership Protection and Organizing Campaign, the OSSTF has been successful in organizing two new groups of ECEs in District 2, Algoma and District 28, Renfrew.

Equity Survey

This is the culminating year in the three-year process undertaken by the Equity Survey Work Group of surveying the membership to determine the levels of participation in Federation activities of a variety of equity seeking groups. This year, polling will involve the rank and file membership, with letters being sent to 10,000 members to invite them to participate in an online survey. Members who receive letters will be directed to the survey website. Local leaders are asked to encourage their members who receive invitations to complete the survey. Questions or concerns may be addressed to Executive Officer, Harvey Bischof.

OSSTF has developed a new brochure, entitled *Understanding Pay Equity* that can be used to educate members. It provides useful information on the pay equity process.