

**Bill 157 (Keeping Our Kids Safe At School Act)**

All staff should have now received training as this Act came into force on February 1, 2010. Basically this Act made changes to Ontario Regulation 472/07, *Behaviour, Discipline and Safety of Pupils*. It also revised and reissued Policy /Program Memorandum 144: *Bullying Prevention and Intervention* and Policy/Program Memorandum 145: *Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour* to reflect additional legislative and policy requirements.

These changes will require every board employee to play a role in addressing issues of inappropriate student behaviour to improve school climate and to support victims.

OSSTF urges members to report all incidents they witness. A report can be an email to an administrator. The administrator will then make the determination of what further action is required.

**Secondary Staffing Committee**

A meeting will be held with Board representatives during the third week of February to review class capacity and supervision schedules. Class size maximums may be exceeded by two. However, each Teacher's pupil-teacher contacts shall not exceed the total of the maximums of the courses taught by that Teacher. As an example, if a teacher has two classes that are over capacity by two students in each class, the third class would have to be under the maximum by four students. These maximums are listed in Article 25.02. Please contact the District Office if you have any questions or concerns in this area.

**Transfer Requests**

Members may request a transfer at any time during the school year. However, to be considered for a change in September the Board has asked that you make your request known by March 31, 2010. The Board begins their staffing for the following year in April. Members should always apply to postings that are of interest. Principals in the schools have the transfer requests forms.

**AMDA Reminder**

Contact your Branch President if you would like to be a Delegate to this year's AMDA to be held May 5, at the Oaks Inn in Wallaceburg. This year all positions on District Executive are up for election. Branch Presidents have nomination forms which are due in the District Office by March 22, 2010.