

**Memo # 20**

**To: OECTA Secondary Teachers**

**From: Michele MacDonald**

**Re: OCT dues; OCT election; Settlement reached on grid movement from 2014-2015;  
Retirement workshop; Capes for Kids; LTD changes**

1. Just a reminder that if you are returning from a leave of absence you are responsible for paying your Ontario College of Teachers dues. For those teachers who were working from September until December your dues were deducted at source and you are a member in good standing for 2018. If you did not work between September and December then you should be receiving a notice from the College to pay your dues, if you do not you could be responsible for your dues plus the reinstatement fee. You cannot teach unless you are a member in Good Standing.

2. The Ontario College of Teachers Council Elections are now open, please exercise your right to vote. We have two Simcoe Muskoka Teachers who are running for positions on the OCT council - Nicole van Woudenberg & Tim Kwiatkowski - Nicole is running for South Central Full-time rep & Tim is running for English Language Roman Catholic Board - Elementary. The deadline to vote is April 9, 2018. Don't delay **VOTE TODAY!!!**

To vote you will need your OCT registration number and your password, if you haven't set up an account you will have to go to [www.oct.on.ca](http://www.oct.on.ca) to set that up.

3. Information regarding the settlement reached regarding the 2014-2015 97<sup>th</sup> day grid movement was sent to your personal email account by Provincial OECTA. If you haven't received it, please check your junk mail or trash. If you have recently changed your email address and did not notify the Unit office you need to do that so you are sure to receive all up-to-date correspondence.

In a nutshell the agreement includes a one-time payment of \$2000, to be made to any teacher, including LTOs, whose salary grid movement was delayed until the 97<sup>th</sup> day of the 2014-2015 school year. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING.** The notice was provided as information. The only people who need to do anything would be those who may have been working at another school board in 2014-2015 you should be contacting your previous employer and your previous local OECTA bargaining unit office, and advise them of your eligibility by May 1, 2018.

Payments under this settlement are to occur by June 1, 2018.

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4. Registration for the upcoming Retirement Workshop is closing on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, if you haven't registered for the workshop you need to do so ASAP. The Workshop is taking place on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at the Barrie Country Club from 9-3 p.m. Registration check-in begins at 8:30 p.m.

This workshop is intended for Teachers in their last 10 years of teaching. The workshop is free for OECTA members and spouses are welcome to attend. The cost for non-OECTA members is \$30.00 payable at registration check-in. Refreshments and lunch are provided.

You need to register online at [www.oectasimcoemuskoka.on.ca](http://www.oectasimcoemuskoka.on.ca) If you do not have a members' only login you must contact [smcglynn@smcdsb.on.ca](mailto:smcglynn@smcdsb.on.ca) and he will provide you with the necessary information.

5. This year our delegates to AGM 2018 wore capes in support of the Holland Bloorview Rehabilitation Centre fund raising campaign. Between the elementary and secondary delegates we were able to raise \$1,571. Thank you to all those who supported our fund raising efforts.

6. In memo #19 I outlined the changes to LTD that were taking place beginning March 1, 2018. There are a number of people who have yet to cancel their LTD - please remember that if you have 30 years of service credit or greater you are no longer eligible to receive LTD, which means you should cancel your LTD premiums (check memo #19 for the form). The form needs to be sent to the Unit office and we will take care of notifying OTIP and the Board. Please remember to attach a copy of your OTPP statement.



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