

Memo #16

Date: December 13, 2016

To: Executive/Members

Re: **ICE Project Lead Position; Bill C – 27**

ICE Project Lead Position

Applications are invited for Project Lead, Special Projects, Institute for Catholic Education (ICE). ICE is looking to identify an individual (or roster of individuals) who would be available, on a part-time, contracted basis, to assist in coordinating one or more special projects on behalf of the Institute for Catholic Education. Applications are due by Thursday, December 23rd. See the attached posting for more details.

Bill C – 27, An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Standards Act

On October 6, 2016, the Trudeau Liberal government fulfilled a major election promise by introducing Bill C-26, An Act to Amend the Canada Pension Plan, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Act and the Income Tax Act.

Shortly after, the government quietly introduced Bill C-27, An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Standards Act, 1985. This second bill appears to contradict the promise of pension security for all Canadians and the goals behind Bill C-26.

Bill C-27 gives employers the ability, with consent, to convert an employee's or retiree's defined benefit pension plan to a targeted plan. This would shift the financial liability from the employer to the retiree or employee. Individual employees or retirees consenting to employer requests for pension conversion has the potential to divide workers, undermine union solidarity and destabilize pension plans.

The Canadian Labour Congress has initiated a lobby campaign, in an effort to have the bill withdrawn. They have asked all the affiliates to write to the Minister of Finance and participate in a lobby of select federal cabinet ministers.

President Ann Hawkins has written to the Minister of Finance. You can help too. Attached you will find a template letter for you, as well as an information sheet. Feel free to personalize the letter, which can be delivered to Minister Morneau by email (BILL.MORNEAU@PARL.GC.CA) or post (no stamp is needed).

**If you have any concerns, please contact the Unit office at 705-733-9625 or 1 800 558 4815
Thank you for sharing this information with OECTA members.**