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**To:** All Secondary Teachers

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**Memo #3**

**Regarding:** Local Committees, Benefits Registration, Municipal Elections

### **OECTA Simcoe Muskoka Local Committees:**

**We Need You!** We are seeking members interested in becoming involved in our local committees.

This would be an opportunity to gather a few times a year with like minded individuals working toward increasing and promoting awareness about issues important to your committee in our schools, communities and school board. Our local committees include: Human Rights, Political Action and Professional Development.

Committee involvement is a gentle way to become involved with your association, while contributing to our schools and communities. The Human Rights Committee has recently been involved with the annual Walk for Social Justice. With the municipal election rapidly approaching and a federal election on the horizon opportunities await for our Political Action committee to engage our communities and local officials around the importance and relevance of Catholic Education and Catholic Teachers. The Professional Development committee worked to provide free technology based PD just before the school year started. Interest, and ideas are the only prerequisites for committee involvement!

Interested? [Complete this form!](#)

### **Benefits Registration:**

If you have been recently hired (permanent or LTO) or have had your status changed (part-time/ full-time), there may be some changes to your benefits. This is the process:

- School boards inform OTIP, the plan administrator, through an electronic file sent every two weeks, of all changes in member status including new hires, LTO eligibility, changes in leaves and changes in FTE.
- Once received and processed, OTIP will contact members via their member's board email accounts with instructions on how to enroll. Members already enrolled may have provided an alternate email address for such communications.
- Members will have 30 days to complete the enrollment from the date the email is sent by OTIP.

As boards are often late in providing this information, know that coverage/premium changes are retroactive to the start of their assignment e.g. a school board reporting to OTIP at the end of September that a member went on leave as of September 1, means the member is responsible for premiums as of September 1 (excluding those on statutory leaves).

### **Municipal Elections:**

Curious about the candidates in the October 22 election in your municipality?

Simcoe.com has [candidate profiles](#) for the 19 communities in our area, including Simcoe County's 16 member municipalities, the cities of Barrie and Orillia, and the Town of the Blue Mountains. There are also profiles of trustee candidates running for positions with one of the four school boards that cover the region. Profiles are in the words of the candidates, and include biographical details, where the candidates stand on local issues, and contact information.

The profiles also indicate the municipality, or school board area, where the candidate is running, as well as for which position — whether that be mayor, deputy mayor, councilor, or trustee.

Get to know who is running in your area - the municipal election affects the spaces and places we live and work and play in, don't miss the opportunity to have your voice heard!