

Memo # 28

To: OECTA Secondary Teachers

From: Michele MacDonald

Re: Acting P & VP; Volunteers; CUPE 3903 Picket Line; Indigenous Education Survey;
Auto Insurance Fraud

1. By now everyone would have received the email blast from OECTA indicating that Acting Principal and Vice-Principal positions while in those positions are not covered by OECTA or the Collective Agreement. Essentially, if an incident happens while in the role of Acting Principal and/or Vice-Principal you will be represented by the School Board. All other provisions will stand, for example, not participating in TPA, discipline of teachers, report card evaluation, etc. It also indicates in the memo that you will be responsible for the payment of premiums for your benefits while in the Acting role, it will be the responsibility of the Board to inform OTIP of your change in status and then for you to make arrangements to take over those premium costs. What the memo neglected to indicate is that this would not be taking effect until September 1, 2018, at any time should you be asked to take on an Acting Administrative role you should contact the Unit office to make sure that you make an informed decision.

2. Pekka Reinio - NDP candidate for Barrie/Innisfil - is looking for volunteers to deliver flyers on Saturday, May 19, it is only a flyer drop no need to speak to anyone at the door. If you are interested please meet at his office at noon on Saturday - 110 Little Avenue, Unit 6.

Gerry Marshall - Liberal candidate for Simcoe North - will be at the Orillia Farmers' Market from 8:30 - 10:00 and at 11:00 he will be at the Portarama Parade. On May 23 from 5-7 p.m. the Midland Chamber of Commerce All Candidates Meeting will be taking place.

Get to know your candidates and be an informed Voter!

3. The Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Track and Field Championships is taking place from June 7-9 at York University. The teaching assistants, Contract Faculty, and Graduate Assistants represented by CUPE 3903 continue to be on strike. If the strike has not ended and the event has not been cancelled or moved to another venue, CUPE 3903 is asking that we respect their picket lines in support of their strike. We are advising members NOT to cross CUPE 3903 picket lines.

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4. The First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Work Group advises the Provincial Executive on issues related to Indigenous education. As part of that mandate, the work group has developed a short survey. The survey explores members' thoughts and opinions on delivering Indigenous education content, and catalogues any relevant professional development activities that members have completed.

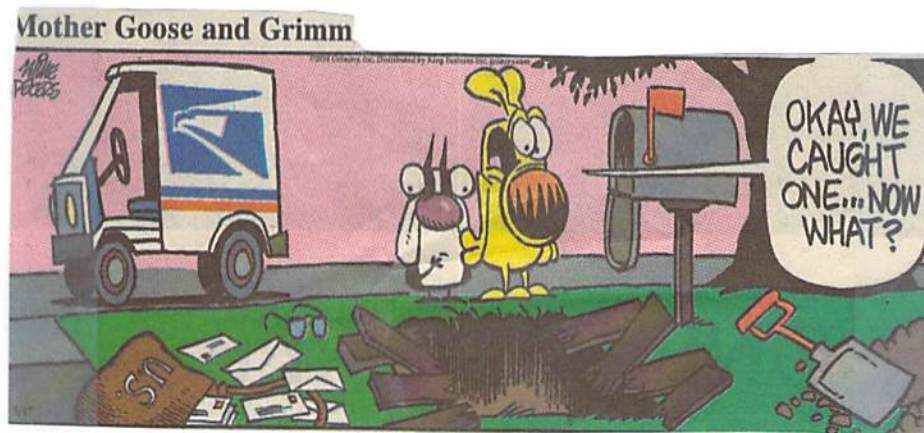
The survey is now live! It will be available until Friday, June 1, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. All answers will be strictly confidential, and data will be reported in aggregate. Results from the survey will be used to explore the Association's future professional development offerings.

The survey can be accessed in the Members' Area of www.catholicteacher.ca.

5. Don't get "wheeled" into a staged car accident - Auto Insurance fraud is on the rise in Ontario; as a result, drivers are paying higher insurance premiums.

Avoiding an accident is among the highest priorities for most drivers, but for fraudsters, an accident *is* the goal. These scams can take place in many ways, including: staged accidents, false claim details and fraudulent accident and claim reports. They are often elaborately planned and can include the fraud collaborators such as the motorist, the tow truck company, health-care providers and the auto body repair shop. These scams result in financial gain to the fraudsters, but are very expensive to insurance companies, resulting in increased premiums.

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