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Memo #3

To: OECTA Secondary Teachers

From: Michele MacDonald

Re: Math Mondays; Benefits Enrolment

1. OECTA's Professional Development department will be hosting <u>WebExperience</u>: <u>Math Mondays</u> beginning September 25, 2017. This online interactive professional development platform is designed for K-12 teachers. A number of different 'experiences' have been designed to provide ideas and activities that can be used to support and engaging and balanced math program.

Each live session will take place between 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration is not required, however space is limited to 25 participants per session. High demand sessions may be re-offered, so please check the provincial website for updates and additional offerings. All sessions will be recorded and posted to the provincial website. Check the provincial website at www.catholicteachers.ca for a complete list of Math Monday offerings.

2. On August 31, 2017, Mr. Darren Schmidt sent out a communication regarding the delay in being able to send the necessary information to OTIP to process new permanent hires, LTOs, and those who have had an increase in FTE. The following is provided to outline the process on a go forward basis.

LTOs:

OTIP will receive updated information from the school board and then they will update their system. As that occurs, eligible LTOs will receive an email from OTIP again notifying you to go into your profile on OTIP's portal.

If you are a new LTO you will receive an enrolment email with instructions on how to enrol.

Coverage is effective retroactive to the first day of your eligible LTO (September 5, 2017). Depending on when the board records are sent to OTIP and when the OTIP system is updated, LTOs who started last week should have their initial enrolment communication email within the next 3 weeks or so.

New Permanent Hires and Change in Status:

New hires will receive an enrolment email from OTIP after the board sends OTIP the new hire information (this also applies to recalled redundant teachers) and OTIP is able to add the new hire names and data to their benefits system. It may take up to 3-4 weeks for new hires to receive their enrolment email, but if you are eligible for benefits, your coverage will be retroactive to your first day of eligible day of work. Eligible members will have 31 days from the date of their enrolment email to complete their enrolment on the portal.

Those members who may be on an unpaid leave or changed their work status (full-time to part-time, part-time to full-time) may also experience a delay in the benefits system being updated with the correct information.

While on an unpaid leave of absence the member is required to cover the premium cost for their benefits. You will be contacted by OTIP to set up the payment.

While on a part-time work status your premiums (pro-rated for the time not worked) will be deducted at source.

This process may take some time to update and your deductions will be retroactive to September.



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