

**Memo #34**

Date: May 11, 2018

To: OECTA Elementary Teachers

**Re: Election Update, Cross Panel Transfers, OECTA Technology Summit**

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**Election Update**

**LET'S MAKE EVERY DAY, EVERY VOTE COUNT!**

On June 7<sup>th</sup> we will be voting in a provincial election.

The election is looking like a choice between two different points of view: a government prepared to carry some deficits for the next several years to help finance needed changes – infrastructure, low-rent housing etc. – and a government that promises to cut taxes and keep necessary services at the same level by finding “efficiencies”.

In the end, it is important to be informed to get out and vote.

**Cross Panel Transfers**

Simcoe Muskoka Secondary still has one remaining redundant teacher, that could have stopped the ability for Simcoe Muskoka Elementary teachers from applying and being considered for a cross panel transfer. However, we managed to have the Board and Simcoe Muskoka Secondary approve a variance. The variance will allow for Elementary teachers to apply and be considered for cross panel transfers.

Secondary Cross Panel opportunities will be posted on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the end of the day. They will be found on Employee Connect under Job Postings. Here are some important pieces of information for those considering applying for a cross panel transfer:

- This is also a transfer round for Secondary Teachers
- If a qualified secondary teacher applies to one of the available vacancies, they will be placed in that position
- Applications need to be received within the five days after posting
- Cross panel transfers will only be considered for the first 10 days
- Selection will be completed within five school days of the closing of the posting
- Applicants may be considered – which means they may not be chosen. There may not be an interview. Seniority plays no role in consideration.

Loss of Seniority: moving from Elementary to Secondary means that your Local Bargaining Unit (LBU) experience in Elementary will move to Other Experience the Secondary seniority list. You will remain at the same pay scale, but you would be entering the Secondary panel at zero years of experience for the Secondary LBU.

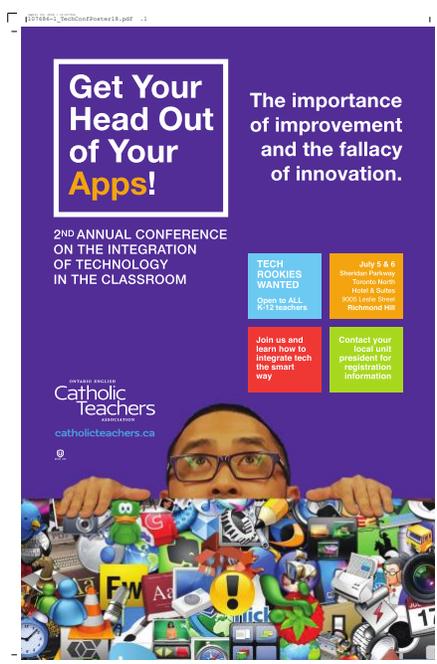
## OECTA Technology Summit 2018

The Professional Development Department is pleased to announce OECTA's second Technology Summit, entitled, '*Get Your Head out of Your Apps 2; The Importance of Improvement and the Fallacy of Innovation*'. The summit is open to teachers from Kindergarten to Grade 12, who self-identify as a Tech Rookie. Once again, the goal of this summit is to de-stress and de-mystify technology while discovering ways that technology can support and enhance both teaching and learning.

The Technology Summit will take place, Thursday July 5 to Friday July 6, 2018 at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, 9005 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill.

The Professional Development Department, through funding provided by the Ministry of Education, will sponsor one elementary, and two occasional teachers from each board. The Tech Summit is intended for classroom teachers and is open to teachers who did not attend last year.

If interested, please complete an Elementary Conference Application Form (attached) no later than Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.



**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.**