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**Memo #45**

**Date: June 1, 2017**

**To: Executive/Members**

**Re: OECTA PD Network Call for Writer-Presenters; Communication from OECTA Provincial: Benefits Common Issues and Questions; OTIP – Car or Home Insurance**

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### **OECTA PD Network Call for Writers-Presenters**

OECTA is committed to providing professional learning for teachers, by teachers through our PD Network program. The goal of the PD Network is to provide the opportunity for teachers to share their knowledge with other teachers throughout the province.

Our PD Network workshop presenters come from all areas of teaching: elementary, secondary, occasional, Special Education etc. and can offer workshops in a wide variety of areas. Presenters receive an honorarium, and are provided release time and travel expenses for their time.

We are currently seeking teachers interested in writing and delivering workshops in the following areas:

1. Incorporating Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Classroom Instruction
2. Engaging and Innovative Math Instruction – Elementary and/or Secondary
3. Technology in the Classroom 101
4. Deep Integration of Technology in Teaching - Elementary and/or Secondary
5. Differentiating Assessment for the Modern Classroom - Elementary and/or Secondary
6. Understanding How to Assess Religious Education – Elementary
7. Planning for the Special Education Classroom
8. Teaching Combined Grades – Elementary
9. Assessment Strategies in the Modern Classroom – Elementary and/or Secondary
10. What does Inquiry Look Like in the Kindergarten/Primary/Junior/Intermediate/Secondary Classroom?
11. Wellness for the Modern-Day Teacher
12. Bringing the French Culture to Life through Language
13. Coding in the Classroom 101
14. Classroom Management
15. Learning through Film and Media 101
16. First Year Survival
17. Incorporating Physical Activity in the Everyday Classroom
18. What Does Outdoor Education Look Like?
19. Meeting the Needs of the English Language Learner

If you are interested in writing and presenting as part of OECTA's PD Network, please submit the following by **June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017** to [a.carabache@oecta.on.ca](mailto:a.carabache@oecta.on.ca):

Provide your resume, a workshop outline (half-day version and full day version), as well as a letter explaining why you are suitable for this position, including the names of two (2) OECTA member references.

If selected, attendance of an online training session will be mandatory before delivery of any workshops in the field.

## **Benefits: Common Issues and Questions**

Please see attached communication from OECTA's Benefit Transition Officer around common issues and questions around benefits.

## **June 2<sup>nd</sup> PA Day – Report Card Writing**

This day is *entirely* to be used for the sole purpose of report card writing or preparations to enable you to write the report cards. There should be no other agenda items scheduled for this day.

## **Reporting Black Out Week**

The Blackout period for this term is from June 2<sup>nd</sup> - June 8<sup>th</sup>, with report cards being due to the Principal on June 9th. Just a reminder that during this time frame, no Teacher will be required to attend Board initiated (central, regional or administrative school based) meetings/in-services.

## **Second Round Transfers**

The second round of transfers will be open tomorrow, June 2nd.

New this year, members will be placed based upon qualifications and seniority. Therefore if you apply to a position, it is the expectation that you will be transferring to that opening. Please refer to the postings that will be sent out tomorrow, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (posted on Employee Connect – Under the Job Posting Icon) and note that you need not limit your transfer request to posted positions, as transfer requests will be granted as positions open. If you did apply in round one, but now wish to alter your preferences as a result of seeing the second posting of vacancies, you can fill out a new second round transfer requests or contact Danielle Thibeault (through Board Email) in Human Resources in order to update your transfer requests. Second round transfers will remain active until Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Staff Assignment Process provisions related to surplus placement/surplus recall continue to apply and Interim Permanent Surplus teachers will be placed in existing vacancies, no later than the second last instructional day in June .

## **OTIP – Car or Home Insurance**

OTIP gives you choice on more than just insurance. You can choose to receive a **\$25 Amazon.ca or WINNERS | HomeSense | Marshalls Gift Card\*** when you get a car or home insurance quote.

For more information, visit [www.OTIPinsurance.com/Amazon-TJX](http://www.OTIPinsurance.com/Amazon-TJX)



**If you have any concerns, please contact the Unit office at 705-733-9625 or 1-800-558-4815**