

**Memo #22**

Date: March 4, 2021

To: Simcoe Muskoka Catholic Elementary Teachers

Re: **Student Mask Exemptions; Retirement Workshops**

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**Student Mask Exemptions**

The Unit Office has been fielding a number of questions around student mask exemptions.

Process:

- The parents of the student must submit medical as to why their child requires a mask exemption as an accommodation
- The principal will review the information (with consultation with their Superintendent)
- Either denial or acceptance
  - This is a request for an accommodation, but that does not mean the student is precluded from wearing any PPE
- **Mask exemption does not preclude the child from wearing a face shield**
- There will be some exceptions to the rule: those students with developmental concerns: a mask exemption may be granted but a face shield may not be an appropriate substitution.

If you have a student (or multiple students) with a mask exemption, feel free to discuss with your principal if the option for the student to wear a face shield was presented.

**Retirement Workshops**

With the continuation of the pandemic retirement workshops will remain online for this year.

OTIP Retirement Workshops:

OTIP runs many different webinars, 2 to 3 times per week. Please go to the following link to register for the webinar that works best for you and your needs: <https://otip.secure.force.com/wrpen>

OECTA Retirement Workshop:

When: Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

This workshop is intended for teachers in their last 10 years of teaching. The workshop will cover three areas:

- The Teachers' Pension Plan
- Financial Planning
- Personal Planning

Registration information will be sent out at a later date. Save the date!

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