

SECONDARY SCHOOL OCCASIONAL TEACHERS' NEWSLETTER

OSSTF DISTRICT 21



IMPORTANT AND RELEVANT MEETINGS

1. TEACHERS' UNIT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (TU AGM)

Thursday, April 28, 2011 at Liuna Station, 360 James St. North, Hamilton at 4:30 PM

Elect the Contract Teachers' Executive for 2011-2012, Debate and vote on resolutions and get the latest information from the local and provincial scene.

N.B. To be eligible to vote at the Thursday, April 28, 2011 Teachers' Unit Annual General Meeting, you must have taught at least 1 day within the last 95 days. (A pay slip is deemed appropriate proof.) If you plan to attend, please call Donna Stephens (905-574-8285) at the District 21 Office by April 15, 2011. NOTE: LTO members may have already signed up at their schools.

2. OCCASIONAL TEACHERS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (OT AGM)

Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the District 21 Office, 1423 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton at 4:00 PM.

Elect your executive for 2011-2012. Get the latest information about Occasional Teacher issues. Make the AGM a Social Event to meet and converse with your colleagues.

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3. SAFE SCHOOLS AND EQUITY TRAINING

Thursday, June 23, 2011, 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon at Olympia Banquet Centre, 1162 Barton Street East, Stoney Creek (at Fruitland Rd.). An honorarium per attendee will be paid.

Further information will be available later on our website www.district21.ca and the HWDSB website www.hwdsb.on.ca. The HWDSB and OSSTF are sponsoring this specific in-service for Secondary Occasional Teachers of District 21. This program is specific to our group and will be an asset for classroom management and classroom teaching.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. REACTIVATION FORMS

Please ensure that you complete a Reactivation Form which is available in the schools beginning April 1st and must be completed and returned to the HWDSB by June 30, 2011 in order for your name to remain on the HWDSB Occasional Teachers' List.

2. COLLEGE OF TEACHERS' FEES

Your College of Teachers' fee for 2011 is \$120.00 and may be paid on the College website. Payment must be made by April 15, 2011. The HWDSB does not automatically deduct for occasional teachers, therefore, you need to make your own arrangements.

3. WHMIS AND OFFENCE DECLARATIONS

All employees must complete WHMIS training and make Offence Declaration each year. The Board will be contacting you before the end of the school year so that you may complete these requirements.

4. STAFFING TIMELINES

Collective Agreement Article 10:08: "Long term occasional positions known at least fifteen (15) school days in advance, of one (1) semester or more duration, will be posted to the Board's web site for three school days". Those LTO postings should occur June 22 to June 24. Those interested, please watch the Board's website www.hwdsb.on.ca. Unfortunately, there may be redundancy with the contract teachers, thus few, if any, contract positions available for next year.

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