

Bargaining Bulletin

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Dear Members

On Wednesday, February 29, 2012, OSSTF/FEESO with other affiliates sent a letter to Premier McGuinty requesting an opportunity to discuss our concerns regarding the government's proposed Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) process for teachers and support staff. No response was received.

The Premier's choice to ignore the request of the major educational union presidents clearly demonstrates a lack of respect towards teachers and support staff, as well as the positive relationship we have mutually worked toward over last eight years. The Premier's decision to post a YouTube video containing statements related to bargaining represents a serious deviation from previously accepted procedures. This is also contrary to repeated statements made by the Premier and the Minister of Education reinforcing their commitment to "respect the collective bargaining process."

For these reasons, and with regret, OSSTF/FEESO will immediately be withdrawing support of and participation in the following Ministry of Education working tables.

- Assessment Advisory Council
- Curriculum Advisory Committee
- English Language Learners Advisory Group
- Early Learning Plan
- Expansion of Ontario Teacher Education Program
- Growing Success
- Healthy Schools Working Table
- Learning to 18
- Math Work Group

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- Managing Information for Student Achievement Advisory Committee
- Ministry of Education Partnership Table
- Special Education
- Student Achievement Division Working Table
- Teacher Leadership and Learning Program
- Teacher Performance Appraisal/Annual Learning Plan Networking Group
- Teacher Tripartite Advisory Committee/Support Workers Advisory Committee

Effective problem solving can best be achieved in a collaborative and respectful atmosphere. It is essential that these conditions be maintained and reinforced, not challenged.



Kenneth Coran, President

View a video of OSSTF/FEESO President Ken Coran discussing collective bargaining here
www.osstf.on.ca/osstf-president-message-to-members

Listen to OSSTF/FEESO President Ken Coran being interviewed by John Tory (CFRB-AM) on March 1 here www.osstf.on.ca/john-tory-cfrb