

Bargaining Bulletin

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Dear Members

The 2012 Ontario Budget will be released March 27 at 4 pm. Dale Leckie, AGS of Protective Services, and Brad Bennett, Department Head of Negotiations and Contract Maintenance have been invited to participate in the budget lock-up starting at 1 pm that afternoon. Ken Coran, President, and Lori Foote, AGS of Professional Services, have been invited to hear the budget speech in the Legislature. We anticipate components of the budget will likely have a direct impact related to the current bargaining scenario. In addition to the release of the budget this week, we are expecting that the Grants for Student Needs (GSNs), which provide the school boards with their funding parameters, will be released March 29. A full analysis of both the budget and the GSNs will be prepared by OSSTF/FEESO staff. After an initial analysis, OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office will also be conducting a town hall teleconference call for Presidents and Chief Negotiators Tuesday evening to discuss the 2012 Ontario Budget and its implications for the education sector.

Collective Bargaining Regional Meetings are scheduled around the province. On March 23-24, CBC Regional Meetings were held in Thunder Bay and Sudbury. CBC Regional Meetings will be held in London, Niagara Falls and Ottawa on March 30-31.

At the regional meetings, members of the Provincial Executive are speaking to participants about the current bargaining climate and identifying the preparations the local leaders should be making.

We will continue to update you as more pertinent information becomes available.



Kenneth Coran, President