

## Teacher/Occasional Teacher Central Bargaining Table Update July 5, 2023

On July 5, OSSTF/FEESO again met with representatives from the government and the Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPSBA) at the Teacher/Occasional Teacher central bargaining table, but little progress was made.

As we prepare for the next school year, OSSTF/FEESO remains committed to ensuring that negotiations address our Members' needs and improve the learning and working conditions in Ontario's publicly funded education system.

Stories on underfunding in public education as well as staffing and retention issues continue to dominate news headlines across the province. The public is becoming increasingly aware of this government's deliberate shortchanging of public education and the negative effects this is having on students and their future success.

One example of this ongoing failure to properly support public education is the Ministry's refusal, so far, to appropriately implement and fund de-streaming. While OSSTF/FEESO is supportive of the initiative to de-stream grade nine, we are concerned that the lack of resources and funding provided by the province for this initiative are negatively affecting student outcomes.

The implementation of provincewide de-streaming cannot happen overnight. It requires a real commitment from all stakeholders, as well as research, evidence-informed policies, collaboration, community consultation, and most of all, a fully staffed and funded public education system to make sure the necessary supports and resources are in place in order for de-streaming to be a success for all students. Half measures will not get the job done and we will continue to advocate for proper funding and resources to ensure all students can reach their full potential.

### Future Bargaining Dates

OSSTF/FEESO has confirmed two additional central bargaining dates with the government:

July 7 – Education Worker  
August 17 – Education Worker

You can find general bargaining information on the [Bargaining 101 page](#) on the OSSTF/FEESO Update webpage as well as an [article on logging into myOSSTF](#) and ensuring your contact details are up to date.

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