

## TSU Weekly Wrap Up – March 13, 2020

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**Job Action** – Might it be at an end?! It is certainly suspended for now and until April 8, at the earliest as OECTA has a tentative deal. What's next? Presidents will run through the deal with Provincial, next week. The TSU executive will then meet to provide input to the President, on Tuesday. All the Provincial Presidents will meet the week after to vote on whether to accept it. The membership will then be provided details for at least 7 days before the ratification vote on April 7 and 8.

For those still waiting for cheques from any of the full withdrawal days, please be patient. OECTA is working on it and will get it to you as soon as they can. Apparently, they've been a wee bit busy.

**Coronavirus** – Yeah, you've heard about it. No school for 2 weeks after the March Break to help quell the spread of the virus. We will all have 14 days to monitor ourselves after the Break, particularly a concern for travelers, and be healthy for a return to work on April 6. As indicated by the Board and OECTA, this is not an opportunity to extend or take vacation beyond March 22. To do so would undermine the public health efforts that are being put in place to protect us all.

During the two weeks, those under contract will continue to be paid. That includes Permanent and Long Term Occasional teachers. Unfortunately, at this time, there is no indication of relief for Daily Occasional teachers. But the expectation is that teachers will not be engaged in work, be it e-learning, google class, Con Ed e-learning or anything else, for the period of the closure.

For those who were looking forward to hearing about the outcomes of the OECTA AGM, scheduled for March 13 through 16, we're sorry to disappoint you. That event, as with many others, has been "postponed" until further notice.

And, of course, all this shutting down had to happen in the year the Leafs were going to win the cup. There goes that!

Not much else to report this week, other than the usual.

Have a great March Break. And stay well.