

TSU Weekly Wrap Up – September 6, 2019

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Welcome back to a new school year! Hopefully you had a restful summer and returned refreshed and ready to go, and had a smooth week. This is your (hopefully) Weekly Wrap Up. Quite a few items to kick off the year, as you might expect, so let's jump into them.

Labour Day Parade – The week started off on a glorious, sunny Monday, with a TSU members and families joining thousands of others in support of workers at the annual parade. An important message was sent to the Ford Government that labour will stand up against attempts to undermine workers in any way. We will see whether they heard and what action we might have to take.



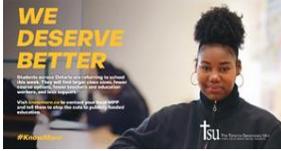
Bargaining – Good news, so far! As you are aware from OECTA Bargaining emails, central talks have been occurring and will continue to occur, despite the interference by Stephen Lecce. There is no indication at this time that there will be any job action. Please ensure that OECTA has a personal (non-board) email address to keep you updated as they are the ones who have the info.

Staffing – The result of the Ford Cuts to Education was that 181 TSU members were directly affected by loss of their positions. In the end, new positions were found for all, with 26 permanent teachers filling what would otherwise have been Long-Term Occasional positions. Huge thanks to Margherita and Fiorella in HR who worked closely with Gillian and TSU to ensure everything was done by the book. Hopefully everyone was welcomed into their new schools and was able to settle into a stable timetable this week.

LSSAC Elections – You should have received information this week regarding LSSAC elections for 2019-2020. With more staff reductions anticipated in the spring, it is important that we have people in place to ensure the proper implementation of the CA and fair treatment for all our members. If you missed it, please ask your Rep.

Parking – So, we didn't have to pay for parking this week! TSU was active behind the scenes throughout the spring and summer, letting Trustees know how we all felt about this idea. OECTA then took action with a complaint to the Ontario Labour Relations Board. When the Trustees revisited the issue at the Board meeting on August 22, 2019, the decision was made to defer further discussion until February of 2020. We congratulate them on their wisdom.

TSU email addresses – So it appears a few of you have not yet activated your account with the new TSU communication platform. We strongly encourage all Permanent and Secondary Occasional Teachers to do so as soon as possible. You will be able to obtain a TSU email address, at which we can contact you directly regarding the important issues and ongoing happenings of the Unit and the Association. Association Reps will no longer be forwarding everything to you. If you wish, you can have all emails that are sent to the TSU address directed to another personal address. Go to <https://tsuoecta.org> and click on the Member Section for next steps.



#KnowMore Ad Campaign – Many of you would have noticed the TSU Ad in the local Metro newspapers this week. TSU joined with OECTA in publishing these as part of our efforts to encourage public awareness of the Ford Cuts to Education because “WE DESERVE BETTER.”

Cents-Off program – TSU encourages all of its members to consider enrolling in the Angel Foundation for Learning Cents-Off program. Just a few cents every couple of weeks can make a huge difference to kids throughout the city. Register at <https://angelfoundationforlearning.org/>.