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## TEACHER FROM YORK REGION NEW OTF PRESIDENT

**TORONTO, September 4, 2013** —In August, York Region teacher, Julie Pauletig, was elected as the 70th President of the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) at its annual meeting in Toronto.

A graduate of York University and Lakehead University, Pauletig began as a daily occasional teacher with the Lakehead Catholic School Board. In 1986 she joined the York Catholic District School Board as an elementary school teacher teaching all grade levels from Kindergarten through to Grade 8.

As a first year teacher, Pauletig took on the role of teacher advocate and became involved at the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) local level as a member of the collective bargaining team. Since that time, she has been very active at the local and provincial OECTA levels, serving in a variety of capacities with the York Catholic Teachers including president, chief negotiator and labour relations officer. Provincially, she has served in the position of OECTA Councillor and Executive Member and OTF Table Officer. Pauletig also has held the position of OTF Governor for over five years.

While serving as OTF President, Pauletig will represent the professional interests of teachers, including their interest as the co-sponsor of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan.

"Maintaining a strong fully funded pension plan for retirees and contributing plan members is OTF's main priority." Pauletig stated. "OTF continues to defend defined pension plans as the best means and most cost effective way to provide an adequate and secure lifestyle for all workers who retire."

Also elected at OTF's Annual Meeting were

Past President:	Terry Hamilton, Thunder Bay
First Vice-President:	Rian McLaughlin, Hamilton
Second Vice-President:	Francine LeBlanc-Lebel, Blind River

The Ontario Teachers' Federation is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all the publicly funded schools in the province—elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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