

MEDIA ALERT

SPRING MEETING OF THE ONTARIO TEACHERS' FEDERATION BOARD OF GOVERNORS

As the Ontario Teachers' Federation gathers for its Spring Meeting in Toronto on April 8, 2011, President Rian McLaughlin will welcome **The Honourable David C. Onley**, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. OTF has maintained a close relationship with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and is in partnership supporting Aboriginal Summer Literacy Camps since 2005. OTF has recently agreed to renew its commitment to this special cause of the Lieutenant Governor for another five years.

Also at this meeting, the Governors will welcome **Courtney Strutt** who led the 2010 Summer Literacy Camp in Fort Hope under the direction of Frontier College. She will share her experiences during this past summer. This program was initiated by the Honourable James Bartleman when he was Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and continues under the patronage of the Honourable David C. Onley. OTF and its Affiliates have supported the program since its inception and OTF has renewed its commitment for an additional five years of funding for Camp Fort Hope.

Awareness of mental health issues for children and youth is a special concern for OTF President Rian McLaughlin. **Kathy Short**, Psychologist with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will speak to the Governors about how the teachers can contribute to the awareness of mental health issues in schools.

The Spring Board of Governors' Meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, 475 Yonge Street, Toronto.

AGENDA

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| 11:15 a.m. | Courtney Strutt
<i>Aboriginal Literacy Camp,
Fort Hope</i> |
| 11:30 a.m. | Kathy Short, PhD
<i>Psychologist, Hamilton-Wentworth
District School Board</i> |
| 11:45 a.m. | The Honourable David C. Onley
<i>Lieutenant Governor of Ontario</i> |
| 3:00 p.m. | The Honourable Leona Dombrowsky
<i>Minister of Education</i> |

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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