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Excellence of Ontario teachers recognized

TORONTO, September 24, 2014 — The Ontario Teachers' Insurance Plan (OTIP) and the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) annually recognize three Ontario teachers with the OTIP Teaching Award for Excellence.

On Tuesday, September 23, the following received the OTIP Teaching Award:

Joshua Tellier, Holy Family Catholic French Immersion School, Woodstock - Beginning Teacher Category

Nancy Rawlinson, Davisville Elementary School, Toronto - Elementary Teacher Category

Donna Foulkes, West Credit Secondary School, Mississauga - Secondary Teacher Category

"When someone chooses to be a teacher, they're choosing a life dedicated to putting others first," said Vic Medland, CEO of OTIP. "We at OTIP are honoured to recognize these exceptional teachers and the impact they make on children's lives each and every day."

"We are so proud of these teachers; they are representative of the excellence of all teachers in publicly funded education" stated Rian McLaughlin, OTF President.

The OTIP Teaching Awards recognize three exceptional teachers in Ontario's public education system, including public, Catholic, and francophone school boards. Anyone can nominate a teacher.

Information on the awards can be found at teachingawards.ca.

As well, TFO presented the Prix TFO Education to **Sylvie Lefebvre & Brigitte Béland-Parent**, École élémentaire catholique Saint-Joseph d'Orléans, Orléans.

About OTIP: Creating Insured Members for Life. At OTIP (www.otip.com), we not only understand the education system, we believe in it. OTIP has been committed to providing quality insurance benefits and advice for the best value since 1977. Across all lines of insurance, OTIP provides coverage to over 160,000 education employees in the province. Owned by Ontario's four education affiliates (AEFO, ETFO, OECTA and OSSTF) and directed by a Board of Trustees, OTIP was built on the belief that educators would be better served by a not-for-profit insurance advocate that was part of the education community. This remains our philosophy today.

The Ontario Teachers' Federation (www.otffeo.on.ca) 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 publicly funded schools in the province – elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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