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OTF announces new website to promote teacher-parent relationships

TORONTO, March 24, 2015 — *Parent Engagement*, developed by the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) with funding from the Ministry of Education, is the latest in a series of projects to assist teachers in the classroom.

"School represents one of the most influential parts of young peoples' lives," states Rian McLaughlin, OTF President. "It stands to reason, therefore, that teachers, parents and guardians should work in concert toward a shared goal—the best interests of their students and their children."

"The website, www.parentengagement.ca, is a comprehensive guide to engaging and working with parents and guardians," added McLaughlin. "Available in both French and English, it includes short vignettes, podcasts and practical tips and other helpful resources for teachers."

A companion print resource, *Parent Engagement: Supporting Elementary and Secondary Teachers Working with Parents and Guardians*, is available.

"While these resources are designed primarily for the elementary and secondary teacher audience, anyone involved in supporting student growth and development may find the contents equally useful and instructive," concluded McLaughlin.

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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