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Excellence of Ontario teachers recognized

TORONTO, September 28, 2016 – OTIP (Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan) and the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) have recognized three outstanding Ontario teachers with the OTIP Teaching Award for excellence.

On Tuesday, September 27, the following educators received the OTIP Teaching Award:

- **Lee Martin**, Central Public School, Grimsby - Beginning Teacher Category
- **Thomas Doherty**, St. John School, Red Lake, - Elementary Teacher Category
- **Hilary Masemann**, Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute, Toronto - Secondary Teacher Category

"OTIP is honoured to recognize these three stars in the education community," said Vic Medland, CEO of OTIP. "They inspire us with their motivation and dedication to our children every day and we couldn't be prouder to have them shape our next generation."

"These winners are representative of the excellent teachers in our publicly funded schools," stated Mike Foulds, OTF President. "OTF is proud to be part of these awards which recognize the contributions teachers make daily in our schools."

OTIP and OTF co-sponsor the OTIP Teaching Awards for excellence in teaching in the publicly funded school system. Three awards are presented: secondary school teacher, elementary school teacher and beginning teacher. Anyone can nominate a teacher in Ontario's publicly funded schools, including public, Catholic, and francophone school boards.

More information on the awards can be found at teachingawards.ca.

As well, TFO presented the Prix Idello to Catherine Girard, École élémentaire Jeanne-Lajoie, Toronto.

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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