

A message from the OTF President



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Dear colleagues,

As this most challenging school year unfolds, OTF recognizes the extraordinary work of educators across Ontario. As always, it is the commitment of education workers that allows our publicly funded education system to function during these times of upheaval. Thank you.

OTF continues to advocate for more government support for you in this critical work. The need for appropriate funding and resources has never been clearer. The current return to school plan falls well short of providing the necessary supports to keep staff, students and communities safe.

Decisions and actions taken by the Ford government are very concerning. They appear to be taking advantage of the pandemic to position our publicly funded education system for a move to privatization.

Recent events around standardized testing, online learning and direct payments to parents hint at unlocking the door for revenue generation from our school system. This is unacceptable. Privatization leads to greater inequity in the education sector. Education should provide all students opportunities for success but shifting resources away from our publicly funded system will even further disadvantage marginalized groups within our communities.

It is critical for educators to be aware of their own wellbeing. Your ability to provide the necessary effort to provide support to students, their own family and your family will be significantly impacted if you do not take time to look after yourself. This can be difficult with the demands put on us, but so important. If you need help in any aspect of your professional or personal lives, please reach out for help. Each of the affiliate education federations have resources to assist you.

Once again, thank you for the work you are doing. Please stay safe.



December 6

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women

The Ontario Teachers' Federation honours the memory of the 14 female students killed on December 6, 1989 at L'École Polytechnique in Montreal.



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