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## Appointment of new OTF Secretary-Treasurer

**TORONTO, November 29, 2023** — Yves Durocher, President of the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF), is pleased to announce, on behalf of the OTF Executive and Board of Governors, the appointment of Ian S. Pettigrew as the new Secretary-Treasurer of OTF. Ian will replace Scott Perkin who is retiring December 31, 2023 after 12 years at OTF, four as the Secretary-Treasurer. Pettigrew will assume the role officially on January 1, 2024.

Pettigrew comes from a family of teachers and brings 30 years of experience in education as well as over a decade of work in facilitating group processes. Since joining OTF in 2013, Pettigrew has served as the Director of Curriculum and Assessment. Prior to joining OTF, Pettigrew held a variety of roles during his 20 years with the Peel District School Board including secondary teacher, instructional resource teacher and instructional coordinator, Grades K-12. Previously, Pettigrew also served in a voluntary capacity as President of the Ontario History, Humanities and Social Science Consultants' Association for five years and more recently a four-year term as President of the Canadian Educational Press Association.

Pettigrew holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Trent University, a Master of Arts degree from McMaster University and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toronto. "I am excited at the prospect of continuing to serve OTF members in a new capacity," Pettigrew states "and I am committed to supporting the important work of the profession and Ontario's publicly funded education system."

In 2024, OTF will celebrate its 80th anniversary of representing the professional interests of the teachers in Ontario's publicly funded education system. This includes advising on provincial curriculum and assessment policies, providing professional learning opportunities for educators, and advocating on behalf of Ontario's teachers for a healthy publicly funded education system. Further, as a co-sponsor of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP), OTF represents all OTPP members, working closely with the Government co-sponsor and the OTPP Board and management to ensure the ongoing sustainability of one of the world's most successful pension plans.

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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