

District 11 News FLASH #1

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On October 5th 2016 we celebrate World Teachers' Day.

A message from our Provincial OSSTF: World Teachers' Day is celebrated around the world every year on October 5th. Initiated by UNESCO in 1994, it's a day on which we recognize the crucial role that the teaching profession plays in the life of any healthy society.

This year, World Teachers' Day 2016 falls on the 50th anniversary of the *Recommendation Concerning the Status of Teachers*, published in 1966 by UNESCO and the International Labour Organization (ILO). This year's theme, "Valuing Teachers, Improving their Status", underlines the principles laid out in that document, and recognizes the fundamental importance of education workers to the well-being and success of any society.

"World Teachers' Day reminds us that progressive societies always rely on a strong tradition of publicly-funded education," said OSSTF/FEESO President Paul Elliott. "We invite all Ontarians to join us in celebrating the critical role teachers and other educational workers play in providing the next generation with the skills, knowledge and social foundations they'll need to help build and sustain the prosperous, dynamic society we envision for the future."

On behalf of OSSTF District 11, we wish to thank all our teachers for their dedication and commitment to the care and education of their students.

Yours in Federation,

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