

OSSTF/FEESO Teachers in London, Middlesex, Elgin and Oxford Counties Announce “Elevate Expectations, Empower Educators Campaign”

London, ON – The Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) District 11 Thames Valley Teachers’ Bargaining Unit is proud to announce the launch of our “Elevate Expectations, Empower Educators Campaign”.

The campaign aims to:

- raise expectations for student behavior and achievement
- empower educators to use their professional judgment in evaluations
- ensure students have the necessary resources for success.

“I have heard time and again from teachers that our expectations of student behaviour have fallen to the point where student safety and the quality of education is at risk,” said OSSTF/FEESO District 11 President John Bernans

“In addition, teachers are under so much pressure to award higher grades that we have eroded credit integrity and allowed for the continual decay of once high educational standards. When you add these actions of the school board to the reduction in per pupil funding of \$1,500 after inflation by the Ford Government, you get a crisis in education that has motivated members to act. These barriers are restricting our ability to prepare students for life after high school,” said Bernans.

“I would invite members of the community who share our concerns to visit our website www.osstf11.com to find out how to sign our petition, get more information, or to find out how to email their Trustee to support our campaign,” concluded Bernans.

OSSTF/FEESO, founded in 1919, has 60,000 members across Ontario. They include public high school teachers, occasional teachers, educational assistants, continuing education teachers and instructors, psychologists, secretaries, speech-language pathologists, social workers, plant support personnel, early childhood educators, and many others in education.

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