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**2026/2027 Elected Executive**



A heartfelt thank you to all members who joined us at this year's Local Annual Meeting, held May 28, 2026 at the Concordia Club! It was amazing to see the participation and involvement from members!

The evening featured comprehensive reports from the Executive and Committees, a presentation of the draft budget, a few constitutional changes and the official election of your 2026/2027 Executive:

**President:** Nathan Core

**First Vice President:** Marsha Auxilly

**Second Vice President:** Brennan Himmel

**Treasurer:** Joanne Threndyle

**Communications Officer:** Lauren Penfold

**Executive Member-At-Large - Designated:** Trish Morgan

**Executive Member-At-Large - Open:** Ramzi Abdi, Sarah Heesaker, Andrea Moniz

Members enjoyed a delicious dinner, snacks, greetings from the WRDSB Director of Education and our much anticipated door prize draw, including the full reimbursement of an AQ course!

We are excited for the year ahead and grateful for the continued support and engagement of our members!

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## WROTL Committees



Join a WROTL Committee for 2026/2027!

Looking to make a difference in your union? Want to connect with colleagues, develop new skills, and have a direct impact on the work of your Local?

Joining a WROTL committee is one of the best ways to get involved. Whether you're interested in professional learning, social justice, events, communications, bargaining, or governance, there is a place for you.

Committee work is a great opportunity to share your ideas, build relationships with fellow members, develop leadership skills, and help shape the direction of our Local.

The sign up form for 2026/2027 Committees is now open!

We encourage both new and returning members to get involved and add their voice to the conversation.

Join us and help make our Local even stronger!

WROTL is committed to removing barriers to participation. Mileage and travel costs related to committee work are covered by the Local. In addition, Committee Chairs are compensated at the daily occasional teacher rate for up to three days per year (five for the PL Chair).

Learn more about each committee on the WROTL website: [https://wrotl.ca/?page\\_id=76](https://wrotl.ca/?page_id=76)

[Click Here to Join a Committee!!](#)

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**Summer Office Hours**



### Office Closure for Summer

The WROTL Office will be closed for July and August. Please be aware that we may not be checking voicemail messages during this time.

If there is an urgent matter, please call ETFO Provincial Toll Free: 1-888-838-3836

Emails to the local will be checked periodically - [wrotlocal@wrotl.ca](mailto:wrotlocal@wrotl.ca)

***Have a great summer!***

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### **Membership Development Fund**

*Subsidies are still available!*



Take Advantage of Your Professional Learning Funding!

Applications are now open for eligible activities and resources completed or purchased at any point this school year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026).

Whether you attended a workshop, completed a course, purchased professional resources, or invested in your own learning, this funding is available to help support your professional growth.

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait to submit yours!

Please note that members who have already accessed their maximum allotment of funding during the current funding period are not eligible to receive a second subsidy.

**Due to budget timelines, applications and all paperwork must be submitted by Friday June 26, 2026 at noon.**

[Click Here to Apply](#)

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## **Staffing & Posting Dates (Updated) – June & August (Tentative)**



### **June Postings (Tentative)**

The Board has provided WROTL with the following updated timelines:

**June 11, 2026** - LTO Postings Open at 12 noon

**June 15, 2026** - LTO postings Close at 3pm

Administrators can start connecting with those invited to an interview on June 16, 2026.

The Board is not anticipating any external contracts to be posted in June with the exception of some specialized positions.

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### **August Postings (Tentative)**

**Aug 20, 2026** – Contract & LTO Postings Open at 12 noon.

**Aug 24, 2026** – Postings Close at 3pm

**Aug 28, 2026** – Contract results due to HR

**Sept 2, 2026** – LTO results due to HR

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### **Summer Academy**

Summer Academy registration is now open! This year Summer Academy is pleased to offer 32 three- day courses throughout July and August all across Ontario. Courses include both in-person sessions at various locations across Ontario as well as virtual sessions. Registration is \$75 for in person sessions and \$30 for virtual courses. See the flyer below for more information. Registration takes place through the ETFO website [events.etfo.org](https://events.etfo.org). Save your receipt as you may claim MDF funding when registering for any Summer Academy courses in September 2026 when Term 1 opens.

# 2026 Summer ACADEMY

Save the  
date

Registration  
opening in  
May!

Follow us at  
#ETFOsa

Registration for Summer Academy opens in May 2026. Keep an eye out for more details in the ETFO e-newsletter and on [members.etfo.ca](https://members.etfo.ca) over the coming weeks.

**Summer Academy 2026** will offer 32 courses throughout July and August in various locations across the province. Both virtual and in-person courses are available.

Each course runs for three consecutive days (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT) and includes practical, inclusive, classroom-ready strategies along with time to collaborate and network with colleagues.









Join us this summer to engage in motivating, energizing, and active learning!

**Cost:**  
**\$75 for in-person courses**  
**\$30 for virtual courses**

Scan the QR code or visit [events.etfo.org](https://events.etfo.org) to register starting in May.



There's a Summer Academy course for everyone. Potential topics include:

-  Artificial intelligence
-  Assessment
-  Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy
-  Kindergarten and early years
-  Literacy
-  Mathematics
-  Mental Health and Wellness
-  The Arts and more!

For general inquiries, email [sacademy@etfo.org](mailto:sacademy@etfo.org).



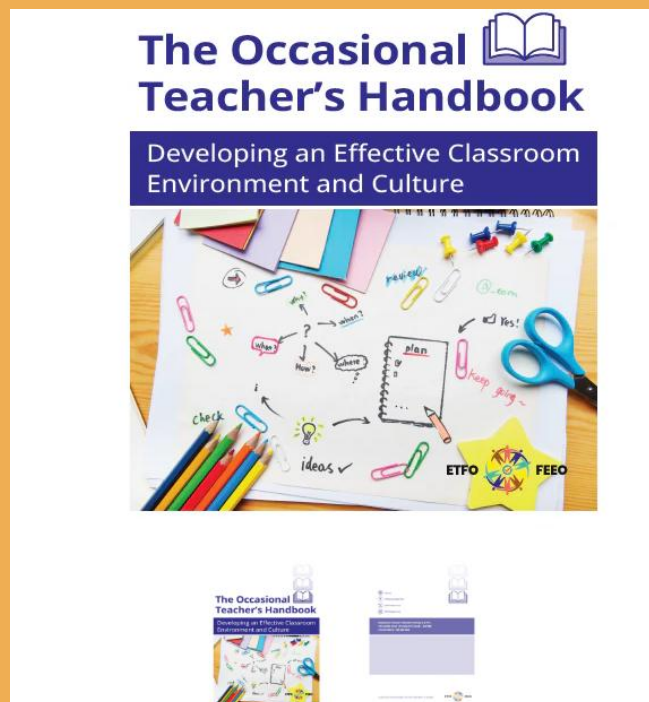
**WROTL is pleased to be hosting one of the Summer Academy Courses:**

**Making Meaning: Creating Responses for Advocacy and Action Through Visual Arts (Grades 1-8)**

**Be sure to register today!!**

[Summer Academy Course Offerings Here](#)

## The Occasional Teacher's Handbook



***The Occasional Teacher's Handbook: Developing an Effective Classroom Environment and Culture (The OT's Handbook)*** is now available to purchase from ShopETFO. This book is a revised version of the former ETFO resource ***I Am The Teacher***. It is a modern, practical guide that equips occasional teachers with the tools and up-to-date insights they need to succeed in any classroom. Rooted in ETFO's Anti-Oppressive Framework, it supports educators in navigating diverse learning environments and understanding their rights – empowering them to step in, adapt quickly, and teach with confidence. ***The OT's Handbook*** is also the resource guide used for the newly refreshed Classroom Management for the Occasional Teacher workshops that locals can host in partnership with ETFO provincial.

[Order Your Copy of the ETFO OT Handbook here](#)

## Collective Bargaining Corner



Collective Bargaining Corner: Taking a Leave from the WRDSB

Any WROTL member may request a temporary leave of absence from the WRDSB for up to one school year. If your leave is for a full year, your minimum days to remain on the Roster is waived.

If you request to be temporarily removed after the school year has started but before December 31, the requirement to have worked 25 occurrences will be reduced (pro-rated) based on how much of the school year has already passed.

It allows Occasional Teachers to take an extended leave (for reasons such as travel, family responsibilities, working elsewhere, etc.) **without resigning from the Roster and having to reapply later**. It essentially preserves your place on the Roster while you are away.

The request for leave must be made 30 days prior to the start of the leave.

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Explore ETFO Provincial Events – Professional Growth Beyond Our Local!



**Elementary  
Teachers'  
Federation of  
Ontario**

Our Local has excellent opportunities, but ETFO Provincial also runs conferences and workshops throughout the year.



Many cover travel, accommodations, and meals.



Some include release time or a day's pay (if not in an LTO).



Local [MDF](#) can cover registration fees.



[Explore & register: ETFO Events Registration System](#)



Invest in yourself – take advantage of both **Local and Provincial** opportunities!

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## Your guide to summer road trip travel safety

There's a special kind of magic to hitting the open road in the summer: the sun is shining, your favourite playlist is playing, and endless possibilities lie ahead. Whether you're escaping to cottage country, visiting loved ones, or discovering hidden gems across Canada, road trips are about adventure and making memories at your own pace. Before you set out, a little preparation goes a long way. By checking your vehicle and ensuring you're properly covered, you'll spend less time worrying and more time enjoying every mile.

Read more at [www.otip.com/article207](http://www.otip.com/article207). #OTIPUpdate

Celebrate the end of the school year with a bonus offer!

For the month of **June**, receive a **\$30 gift card** of your choice when you get a car, home or leisure insurance quote. [Get a quote](#) or call 1-888-892-4935 and mention this offer!



## Upcoming Events

*For registration information regarding any upcoming events, please click [here](#).*

June 11- PL UFLI Workshop

June 12 - Pay Day!

June 12 - Social Committee's Year End Social Night Out!

June 25 - Last Day of School for Students

June 26 - PD Day

June 26 - Pay Day!

July 30- Appeal Day (if 25 minimum occurrences were NOT met)



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