



## E-Newsletters from President Amanda

**January 24, 2025**

Happy Friday! It has been a long cold week and I hope that you were able to stay warm. As we watch South of the Border, we also need to start thinking ahead to our own Provincial and Federal Elections. I am including some videos and fact sheets at the end of this email.

We have three events that are occurring Locally next month and a bit as well as an Education Forum which has been sponsored by all of our Local Trade Unions in Grand Erie. I am also including some upcoming Provincial Conferences that might be of interest to you. Please note that there may be a registration fee for these but you can submit a Form 1 for Professional Learning Funds and recoup the fee if you have not yet utilized your \$450 from our Professional Learning Funds this school year.

Our next workshop is a Classroom Management Workshop being hosted on February 3, 2025 at the GEETF Office in Brantford. For more information and to view the flyer, click [here](#).

On February 26, 2025, we will be co-hosting a Junior Literacy Workshop with GEETF. This event will also be hosted at the GEETF Office in Brantford. For more information and to view the flyer, please click [here](#).

Our Status of Women's Committee is hosting a paint night for Members who identify as female on March 4, 2025. This event will also be hosted at the GEETF Office. For more information and to view the flyer, please click [here](#).

The Education Forum is being hosted at the Rope Factory in Brantford on February 10, 2025 from 5:00-6:30pm with the doors opening at 4:30pm and will include a panel of Brant-Brantford Provincial MPP candidates and sitting MPPs. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions. The focus of this Forum is the future of education. You can view the flyer [here](#).

We have also joined with our Labour Partners to form the ETFO Educators of Grand Erie to raise monies for the Coldest Night of the Year. This event will be held on February 22, 2025. For more information, please click [here](#).

There is also an upcoming RTIP Session in Delhi at the Delhi District German Hall on February 24, 2025 from 4:30-6:30pm. You can view the flyer and register [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Local Office at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

ETFO Provincial hosts Conferences and Workshops throughout the year. Below are the programs that are coming up in the next couple of months. This are all hosted at the ETFO Provincial Office in Toronto.

Bargaining for Members in their First Five Years will be taking place on March 6, 2025. You can view the flyer [here](#). Registration is open and closes on February 3, 2025.

The New Member Conference will be taking place on March 25-26, 2025. This is a Women's Only Program. You can view the flyer [here](#). Registration is open and closes on February 3, 2025.

Resisting Resilience - Psychosocial Hazards in the Workplace will be taking place on March 28-29, 2025. You can view the flyer [here](#). Registration is open and closes on January 27, 2025.

Putting Young Minds First - An ETFO Symposium on Student Mental Health will be taking place on April 12, 2025. You can view the flyer [here](#). Registration opens on February 3, 2025.

We are also starting to focus on the upcoming Provincial Elections. For social media resources, you can go to ETFO's [Building Better Schools](#) website. I will be sharing resources on my upcoming emails. This week's resources are below.

Fact Sheets on [Violence in Schools](#) and [Class Size](#).

Tip Sheets on [Political Conversation Starters](#) and [How to have Effective Conversations about the Election](#).

Here are the Social Media shareables for your use.

[Our kids are Worth it](#)

[Wrong Priority Wrong Premier](#)

I hope that you find these resources helpful.

**January 10, 2025**

I hope that your first week back after the break has gone well. I have some reminders about report cards and responsibilities surrounding report cards for you if you are transitioning in/out of a LTO as well as our upcoming Classroom Management Workshop and your OCT Fees.

If you are finishing up or starting into a long term assignment, please see the following information regarding report cards and your responsibilities.

13.07 a) Where a long-term assignment has no determined end date, and the regular Teacher returns from leave within a week of report cards or progress reports being completed, the Occasional Teacher may be requested to assist with the completion of these report cards or progress reports. In such instances, the Occasional Teacher shall be paid for the time to assist in the completing the report cards or progress reports. The rate of pay shall be LTO rate of pay for the day.

b) Occasional Teachers whose LTO assignment ends prior to the assessment and evaluation PA Day, shall leave all anecdotal comments and grades for the incoming Teacher in a format that is easy to understand for inputting into report cards in according with Growing Success.

This information is directly from our Collective Agreement. Please ensure that if your LTO has ended, and you are called back to assist with reports that you are paid at Grid Rate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Local Office.

We have a Classroom Management workshop coming up on February 3, 2025 at the GEETF Office in Brantford. To view the flyer and register, please click [here](#).

If you are a Daily OT, you must renew your OCT personally by accessing your account on the OCT Website and clicking on "renewal." You have until April 15, 2025 to complete your payment. If you are in a LTO, the Board will make the deduction on your January 31, 2025 pay.

If you are on a Transitional Certificate or Multi-session Transitional Certificate and you have completed your graduation requirements, please remember to submit all of your pre-service program requirements as soon as possible. If you apply after February 1, 2025, you will be required to write the Math Proficiency Test (MPT). If you are required to write the MPT please visit the [mathproficiencytest.ca](http://mathproficiencytest.ca) for the latest information on test registration

and sittings.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Local Office at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

## January 6, 2025

Welcome Back! I hope that you were able to get some rest over the Winter Break. We are back to school today and I hope that you have a great first day back. We have a Zoom Check-In coming up on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 7:00pm. If you have any burning questions, please register [here](#) and I will see you there! Have a great rest of the week.

## December 20, 2024

We made it! On behalf of your Local Executive, I want to wish you and your loved ones a safe and healthy holiday season. The Local Office will be closed over the Winter Break. If you have an urgent matter, please contact the ETFO Provincial Office at 1-888-838-3836.

We are also looking for Members who identify as 2SLGBTQ+ and are interested in joining an Advisory Committee to provide their Executive with information to bring back to the Board. The poster can be found [here](#) and you can indicate your interest in joining [here](#). This will be a group which is composed of Members from all Labour Unions (ETFO, OSSTF, CUPE).

I am also including some information for you to ponder over the break. ETFO Provincial is hosting their annual OT Conference in February. You can view the flyer [here](#) for more information. Registration is open until January 6, 2025 until 4:00pm.

EPIC - Educators and Parents in Coalition has published it's first [newsletter](#). You can sign up to receive the newsletter [here](#).

A Holiday message from ETFO Provincial President Karen Brown can be viewed [here](#).

We are hosting our Public free skate on January 2, 2025 at the Brant Sports Complex from 3:30-4:30pm. You can view the flyer [here](#).

If you are looking into a new cellular plan over the break, you can view the Telus offers [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send them to the Local Office by phone at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#). Any phone calls or emails sent to the Local Office will be returned after the Winter Break.

## December 10, 2024

The countdown is on to Winter Break! Only 8 days to go!! I hope that you are fairing well. Please ensure that you check the Board website on days when there are snowy/icy conditions in the forecast. The Board will post by 6:30am if buses will be running. If busses are cancelled, schools will be closed and all OT assignments will be cancelled. You will receive notification via your Board email. Please see the Board's Inclement Weather Procedure [here](#). I encourage you to print out Appendix A which lists the schools within each Zone.

We are hosting a Public Skating event on January 2, 2025. You can view the poster [here](#).

We will also be hosting a Zoom Check-In on January 8, 2025 at 7:00pm. Check-Ins are open for one hour and any Member can register and bring forward any questions or concerns. You can register [here](#).

If you are in an LTO or are starting an LTO in January, please ensure that your ADS information is up to date. If changes need to be division, please advise your Admin so that they can update your ADS information. As you know, you can leave your grade and other information in your voice/text instructions in order to provide OTs with other information regarding the assignment that they are accepting. It is also your responsibility to ensure that Article 13.01 from our Collective Agreement is fulfilled. This Article outlines Working Conditions for Daily OTs and includes what is required to be left in your OT Binder. Please see below.

1. *During the term of this Collective Agreement, the Board shall make available up-to-date in-school information for Occasional Teachers. This information shall include: a timetable for the Occasional Teacher's assignment (including supervision periods), a schedule identifying period times, an up- to-date class*

*list, a seating plan, a floor plan of the school, an outline of the school day (including opening procedures, washroom procedures), fire drill and emergency procedures, written information on school discipline procedures, information on access to equipment and sources of assistance, and a list of students with special health-related including a history of violence or other needs. The Board shall ensure that, to the extent possible, lesson plans and textbooks are available for the class in the casual occasional teaching assignments.*

All Permanent Contract Teachers and Administrators have been reminded of the above and are aware of the requirements. These items are required in order to ensure the safety of the students and OT as well as to ensure that the OT and your students can have a successful day.

Please also ensure that you are also completing all necessary Incident/Injury/Safe School Reports when working. The completion of these reports is pertinent in ensuring that all accessible supports are being provided. Incident/Injury reports are reviewed monthly by the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee and recommendations for supports are made each month based on these reports.

If you are considering enrolling in an AQ Course for January, please remember to submit your Form 1 for Personal Professional Learning prior to January 1, 2025. You could receive a reimbursement of up to \$450, if your application is approved. Members can access up to \$450/school year for the completion of any Personal Professional Learning. You can find the Form 1 and Funding Guidelines on our [website](#) under Professional Learning and Forms. You can also access up to \$35/school year for Professional Resources.

Please also remember to complete the Lost Prep Form (found on our [website](#) landing page) if you are a Daily OT and have lost a preparation period.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Local Office via phone at 519-427-6993 or [email](#).

## **November 22, 2024**

**Happy Friday!** I cannot believe how quickly the month has been flying by. We have our **Seasonal Social** coming up on **December 4, 2024** at the **Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre** starting at **4:30pm**. We will have games, prizes, opportunities for mingling and dinner. I hope to see you there! Please register [here](#).

**If you were unable to join us for the Listening Tour on October 29, there will be a**

**Town Hall phone call on December 3, 2024 from 6-7pm for our Members to join. I will send out more information closer to the date.**

**I would also like to thank all of you who have been completing Workplace Violent Incident Reports. If you have been a victim or witness of workplace violence, you must use the Workplace Violence Incident Reporting Tool to make a formal report which the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee Worker Group will review. We review these on a monthly basis to identify where supports are needed and whether the supports in place are sufficient to ensure the safety of the worker (you) in the classroom. This reporting tool can be found in the Staff Portal under Applications.**

**We are also hosting a Free Skate at the Brant Sport Complex on January 2, 2025 from 3:30-4:30pm. There will be no registration required as this is a community event and all are welcome.**

**We are also creating an Advisory Committee for the 2SLGBTQ+ Community among all Union Groups. Please see the [poster](#) and register if you feel that there are changes that need to happen within Grand Erie and the 2SLGBTQ+ Community. At this time, we are only seeking out Members of the Community and not Allies.**

**If you are on a Transitional Certificate or are a Teacher Candidate, you must complete the Math Proficiency Test if you apply for your OCT or CQR after February 1, 2025, you will be required to successfully complete the MPT. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.**

## **November 1, 2024**

**It's hard to believe that it's already November! I am sharing some new information with you regarding a new undertaking that all of the Unions within Grand Erie have been working on since last spring. After the success of our Tell the Trustees Campaign, we have decided to move forward with a new Coalition aptly named EPIC - Educators and Parents in Coalition.**



We are aiming to bring awareness to the community as to how the impacts of underfunding education by the Ford Government have impacted the services that are being provided to our students. I invite you to share this link with family, friends and parents within the community. Please **DO NOT** send this information out in classroom newsletters or on social media. It should not be coming from Members but rather from community members. You can find the link [here](#).

We have several events coming up in November and December. Our Zoom Check-in is being hosted on November 6, 2024 at 7:00pm. The link will be open for around an hour for Members to drop in and as any questions. To register please click [here](#).

We are also hosting our Pregnancy/Parental Leave Session on November 7, 2024 starting with dinner at 4:30pm at the GEETF Office. You can register for this session [here](#).

Our Status Chair, Kathleen Kaufman has created a survey to determine what Women Members or those who identify as Women are asked to complete in order to arrange some exciting new opportunities for personal wellness and opportunities to get to know other Members. Please feel free to complete the [survey](#).

We also have a Special Education Workshop coming up on November 25th with a focus on ASD. This workshop will be hosted at the GEETF Office starting at 4:30pm. You can view the flyer and register [here](#).

Our Annual Seasonal Social will be taking place on December 4, 2024 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre. This is not a business meeting, rather an opportunity to gather and socialize. There will be prizes and a meal to follow our games. You can register [here](#).

**October 25, 2024**



**Happy Friday!** As you are aware from my previous emails, we are having a meeting on Tuesday, October 29 at the Rope Factory in Brantford. This meeting will be your opportunity to bring any concerns that you have to light with our Provincial 1st Vice President, David Mastin. Please come out and share your experiences regarding hiring, classroom concerns and any other concerns that you might have. This is *your* opportunity to share *your* voice. I receive phone calls regularly with concerns that could be rectified at the Central Bargaining table. I always advocate for you but now, Provincial is asking for you to bring your concerns to them. Please join us on Tuesday. There will be food as well as door prizes at the event.

I have also been notified that the ID Tag issue has been resolved. If you continue to experience issues, please [email](#) me as well as [idcards@granderie.ca](mailto:idcards@granderie.ca).

We also have our Zoom Check-In coming up on November 6, 2024 at 7:00pm. Check-Ins are open for approximately one hour and are a drop-in format. You can register [here](#) for the Check-In.

The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan is hosting a variety of virtual workshops regarding your pension. There are two options - for early to mid-career Members and for those looking to retire in the next five years. Please see the links below to register for your event.

**Being A Member – Your Life as a Teacher (for early to mid-career members)**

Your pension is one of your most important financial assets. Consider this your Pension 101. Designed for all early to mid-career members, you will gain an understanding of how your contributions and pension are calculated, how to maximize your pension benefit and how some life events may impact your pension.

Each presentation will be the same, so please choose one date below and click on it to register.

**Being a Member (1.5 hrs)**

[Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6 pm](#)

[Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 5 pm](#)

[Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 6 pm](#)

**Preparing to Retire (for members within 5 years of retirement)**

Each session is about 1.5 hours with a Q&A session.

Each presentation will be the same, so please choose one date below and click on it to

register.

[Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6 pm](#)

November  
Séance en français

[Mercredi le 20 novembre, 2024 à 18h00](#)

[Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 5 pm](#)

[Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 6 pm](#)

[Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5 pm](#)

[Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6 pm](#)

[Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 5 pm](#)

## **October 23, 2024**

I apologize for the Monday email but it is short and sweet! For those of you looking for the Itinerant LTO Posting, it will be up in the Staff Portal and on ATE today.

## **October 20, 2024**

We have some great events coming up which is a great opportunity for you to come out and join us!

I want to thank each of you that came out to our Fall General Meeting last night. We enjoyed some camaraderie in sharing our stories with each other as well as completing some Business such as passing our Local Budget.

We are still seeking one or two more Members who have an interest in Collective Bargaining to join our Local Collective Bargaining Committee. If you are interested, please [email](#) the Local Office and let us know prior to November 1, 2024.

Also, a reminder to complete your Lost Prep Time forms as soon as you miss a preparation period.

I was also made aware of issues with ID Cards not working properly yesterday. If you encounter this issue, please let me know as soon as possible with the name of the location and date.

### Upcoming Events

#### *Assessment Workshop*

October 24 starting at 4:30pm

View [flyer](#) here and register [here](#)

Location - Zoom

#### *Women's Program - Paint Night*

October 28, 2024

View [flyer](#) and register [here](#).

Location - GEETF Office

#### *Listening Tour*

October 29, 2024

View [flyer](#) and register [here](#). This is your opportunity to speak directly to the First Vice President of ETFO regarding your concerns both in the classroom and for the upcoming round of Central Bargaining. This event will be hosted at the Rope Factory in Brantford. Food and non-alcoholic beverages provided.

#### *Pregnancy and Parental Leave Information Session*

November 7, 2024

View [flyer](#) and register [here](#).

Location - GEETF Office

#### *Zoom Check-in*

November 6, 2024

This is a casual drop-in on Zoom for you to speak with the Local Executive and ask any questions. We start Check-ins at 7:00pm and they run for about an hour. Register [here](#).

If you ever have any questions or concerns. please do not hesitate to reach out to the Local Office by phone at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

## **October 11, 2024**

Happy Friday! I hope that you are able to enjoy some rest over this long weekend. I am including the flyers and links to sign up for our upcoming events as well as information about Lost Prep Times.

## Upcoming Events

### *General Meeting*

October 17, 2024 starting at 4:30pm with dinner to follow.

Nominations for the [Collective Bargaining Committee](#) have been extended, please submit as soon as possible.

Register - [here](#)

Location - Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Center

### *Assessment Workshop*

October 24 starting at 4:30pm

View [flyer](#) here and register [here](#)

Location - Zoom

### *Women's Program - Paint Night*

October 28, 2024

View [flyer](#) and register [here](#).

Location - GEETF Office

### *Listening Tour*

October 29, 2024

View [flyer](#) and register [here](#). This is your opportunity to speak directly to the First Vice President of ETFO regarding your concerns both in the classroom and for the upcoming round of Central Bargaining. This event will be hosted at the Rope Factory in Paris. Food and non-alcoholic beverages provided.

### *Pregnancy and Parental Leave Information Session*

November 7, 2024

View [flyer](#) and register [here](#).

Location - GEETF Office

Lost Prep Times - I have already started to hear about OTs losing their preparation time. Please complete the [Form](#) and submit it to HR *every time you lose your scheduled preparation time*. The form can also be found on our website landing page.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Local Office by phone at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

## October 7, 2024

Wow! Can you believe that it is October already?! We have a number of upcoming events planned for you this month.

I know that this is a long email but please read to the bottom regarding important information regarding QECO Evaluations, Board Accounts and Lost Preparation Time.

Our first General Meeting of the year is on October 17, 2024 at the Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre. We will start with mingling at 4:30pm with the Business portion starting at 5:00pm sharp. Our Committee Chairs will be providing reports on their plans for this year and you can share your ideas. We will also be electing our new Collective Bargaining Committee. If you are interested in learning more about Collective Bargaining, this is a great opportunity. You can find the Nomination Form [here](#) and register for the event [here](#).

We have an Assessment Workshop which will be held virtually on October 24, 2024 from 4:30-6:30pm. To register for this event, please click [here](#). You can view the [flyer](#) for more information.

The last week of October will be a busy one! We have two exciting events for you! On Monday, October 28, we will be hosting our first Women's Program which will be a paint night located at the GEETF Office starting at 4:30pm. Please view the [flyer](#) for more information and to register. We will also be hosting a Pregnancy/Parental Leave Session on Wednesday, October 30, also at the GEETF Office starting at 4:30pm. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information and to register.

We will be hosting a Local Membership Meeting with Provincial on October 29, 2024. This meeting is in collaboration with all ETFO groups in Grand Erie and First Vice President David Mastin will be in attendance to hear about your concerns and experiences in the classroom. This is the opportunity for you to bring your concerns to the attention of our Provincial Executive. We will be providing mileage, parking (location dependent), childcare expenses and light refreshments. Once all of the details have been finalized, I will send out further information.

I am also working with Human Resources to clear up any lost preparation time from the last school year. If I have not contacted you and you have a record of lost preparation time from the 2023-2024 school year, please [contact me](#) as soon as possible. If your preparation time is reassigned this school year, please ensure that you complete the [lost prep time form](#). The form can also be found on our [website](#).

I have also been receiving questions regarding E-tokens. These can be picked up from the TRC at Tollgate. Please use the [Self-Service Portal](#) to activate your E-token. If your E-token is damaged, you can trade it in for a new one at no charge. If you have been having issues logging into your Grand Erie accounts, please contact the [Local Office](#) for assistance.

**QECO delays - if you are still awaiting your QECO Evaluation from last school year and had an LTO without your evaluation, please contact the [Local Office](#).**

**I hope to see you out at our upcoming events whether it be in-person or virtually. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Local Office by phone at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).**

## **[September 25, 2024](#)**

Good afternoon! I have been working with the Board since Monday to ensure that OTs can access PowerSchool since our link was removed with the new website update. I am happy to inform you that you can now access the link by logging into the Staff Portal>Applications>PowerSchool Login for Substitute Teachers. I will look into having Substitute changed to Occasional Teachers but for the time being, the link is now available and active. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Local Office if you have any questions or concerns by phone at 519-427-6993 or via email.

## **[September 20, 2024](#)**

I hope that you had an opportunity to enjoy some of the beautiful weather that we have been experiencing since the beginning of the school year. I am sending you a reminder to complete your Annual Training. Please see the [Memo](#) from the Board for more information. During our last round of negotiations, your Collective Bargaining Team was able to negotiate a Letter of Agreement with the Board to ensure that you are compensated for your time completing the Annual Training.

*Required Health and Safety Training* "Any required health and safety training is to be completed by September 30th of the current school year. New Occasional Teachers hired to the board must complete the training within thirty (30) workdays of their date of hire. The board will provide a half-day (0.5 FTE) pay to an Occasional Teacher who is not in a long-term assignment on the first PA Day of the school year, provided that the training is completed, and they work ten (10 FTE) days in the current school year. Payments will be issued by February 15th and by July 15th of each year. Time spent completing the health and safety training shall not count towards the days required to remain on the Occasional Teacher Roster."

Some tips & tricks for completing your training modules are to remember to click "I'm finished" once you complete the module. When viewing the video for AODA remember to increase the size of your screen and scroll down to find the "next" button. It is also helpful to click "show all" in your Power School Professional Learning in order to ensure that all modules have been completed.

Our Professional Learning Chair has developed a survey to better understand your interests for this school year. Please complete the [survey](#) by September 30, 2024 so that Professional Learning sessions can be scheduled.

We will be hosting our first General Meeting on October 17, 2024. More information will come out at the beginning of October when registration will open. We will also be calling for Nominations for our Collective Bargaining Committee. We are seeking up to four (4) Members who have an interest in Collective Bargaining to join us for the next round. If you are interested in joining our Collective Bargaining Committee, please complete the [Nomination Form](#) and submit it to [gedsbot@outlook.com](mailto:gedsbot@outlook.com).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Local Office by phone at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

## September 4, 2024

Welcome to the new school year! I hope that you had a restful summer break. We are planning an eventful year for you with Professional Learning Opportunities as well as opportunities to gather with your colleagues in more social settings. If you have any suggestions for Professional Learning, please submit them to our Professional Learning Chair, Maryanne Goldsmith [here](#). Applications are being accepted for Professional Learning Funds. Please read the current [PL Fund Guidelines](#) which will be updated later this week at our first Executive Meeting of the school year. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Please ensure that you complete your Annual Health and Safety Training. This training can be found via the Staff Portal under Applications and Power School Professional Learning. You can view the Board Memo [here](#). Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Also, ensure that after you complete each module that you click the "finished" tab so that it shows as complete.

Our new Collective Agreement is now available on our website as well as through the Staff Portal. The new Daily Rate for Elementary Occasional Teachers is \$271.60 + \$10.86 (4% vac pay) = \$282.46.

### Important Dates

Fall General Meeting - October 17, 2024  
Seasonal Social - December 4, 2024  
Annual Meeting - May 21, 2025

We will also be hosting Zoom Check-ins throughout the year. these run for one hour and are drop-in based but you must register in advance when the link is sent out.

### PA Days

September 13, 2024  
October 8, 2024  
November 15, 2024  
January 20, 2025  
April 11, 2025  
June 6, 2025  
June 27, 2025

### Board Holidays



September 2, 2024  
October 14, 2024  
December 23-31, 2024  
January 1-3, 2025  
February 17, 2025  
March 10-14, 2025  
April 18, 2025  
April 21, 2025  
May 19, 2025

I would like to personally thank you for your dedication as an Elementary Occasional Teacher in Grand Erie. I cannot wait to see you at our upcoming events! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at our Local Office by phone at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

Stay Safe and Healthy,  
President Amanda

*"United we stand, divided we fall." Aesop*

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## ***A Message from OTIP***

**Starting the new school year off strong and supported**



Welcome back to another school year! We hope you're feeling refreshed and inspired after the summer break. Now is an ideal time to reflect on your accomplishments and plan for the future, both personally and professionally. We want to reassure you that our team is committed to supporting your health, wellness, and financial security so you can thrive in your pivotal role within the education community. You may be most familiar with Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP) as your group benefits provider, but did you know that we also offer personal insurance coverage?

Read on to learn more about what we're proud of at [www.otip.com/article185](http://www.otip.com/article185).  
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As our way of saying thank you for getting an auto and/or home insurance quote, we'll send you a \$20 gift card of your choice. Plus, when you get a quote throughout September and October, you'll be automatically entered into our Back to School Bonus Contest for a chance to win \$1,000 cash! [Get an online quote](#) or call 1-888-892-4935 and mention this offer.