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GRAND ERIE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWSLETTER

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BARGAINING 2022



LOCAL BARGAINING

Our current contract expired this summer, just before the school year began. There are two tables where bargaining occurs, the central table between ETFO and the government, and the local table between GEETF and the school board. Your local team has met twice already this year to review our local bargaining survey results and to review language. As our local team progresses, we will reach a time where we will present our members with a preliminary submission to review and vote on. Stay tuned!

LTD BENEFITS

Each of our members is enrolled in the OTIP LTD benefits program. There are two conditions where a teacher can opt out of the LTD program. One condition is if you are within 120 days of retirement, or if you have reached the age of 65. If you believe that these conditions apply to you, send me an email!

TO VOLUNTEER OR NOT

ETFO is not in a strike position and the choice to run clubs or coach school teams remains the decision of each individual teacher. Members may choose not to volunteer for teams, but no one should engage in counseling anyone not to volunteer, nor can we band together not to volunteer as a group. This type of action could be considered an illegal strike action.

HOW I CAN HELP

- Leaves of Absence, LTD, Return to Work
- Collective Bargaining
- Grievances and the Collective Agreement
- Staffing

SCHEDULES AND PERSONAL CONTACT INFO

Stewards will be receiving a link soon to share with all their staff. This link will ask a few questions related to your schedules and prep-time. We waited a few extra weeks to get through the reorganizations happening at many of our schools. It is very important that all GEETF members complete this survey. It may be something that can be completed as a 5 minute add on to your October staff meeting.

