

OPSEU Local 2100 News & Views



OFFENCE DECLARATIONS

Many of our members have NOT completed their Annual Offence Declarations. They must be completed prior to August 31, 2022 and can be completed quickly by logging into your Vista account and selecting Offence Declarations. Please note that Casual members will be terminated if their declaration is not completed. For any questions related to offence declarations, please email criminalbackgroundcheck@peelsb.com.

DECE SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The College of Early Childhood Educators has aligned with other education groups and will be offering the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program, starting in July. It is mandatory and being offered to members of the CECE at no charge. Please visit the College website for more information.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Starting in the 2022/23 school year, the Board will once again be offering the Educational Assistant Mentor/Mentee program and we strongly encourage members to apply to this amazing program. Thank you to all EA's who submitted their application to be a mentor. All Mentors will be contacted in the fall.

BARGAINING UPDATE

The Local Bargaining Committee have met once and will meet again in September. Please watch for a Bargaining Survey and General Membership Meeting in the fall to discuss topics relevant to Local issues.

HEALTH & SAFETY

If you are interested in becoming a Health and Safety Designated Worker (DW) or Alternate Worker (AW), please apply through the email provided by the Board. There are many schools that don't currently have DW/AW, and are not being inspected monthly. Your health and safety in your workplace should be a priority. Full training will be provided once applications have been approved. Follow the link to apply <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H2LMYRS>.

HOMEWOOD HEALTH

The Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) is offered through Homewood Health and is available free of charge to all Peel District School employees. They can be reached at 1-800-663-1142 or by visiting www.homeweb.ca. Homewood Health has also launched a new program called Homewood Pathfinder, which can be found on their website or at <https://eap.homewoodpathfinder.com>. We strongly encourage members to familiarize themselves with this great resource, we are very fortunate to have this resource at our fingertips.

OPSEU EMAILS:

We are still receiving a lot of complaints from members regarding the increasing amount of emails being sent from OPSEU. Please note that weekly emails sent from OPSEU/SEPFO Regional office show “OPSEU/SEFPO” displayed as the sender. These emails provide updates from OPSEU as a whole and include all Sector and OPSEU updates. For any questions regarding your OPSEU Regional username or password, please email OPSEUCommunications@opseu.org.

All emails sent from “OPSEU Local 2100” provide our members with very specific updates and information from your Local Executives and we strongly encourage all members to open and read these emails. Please contact Paulina Medeiros at secretary-treasurer@opseu2100.ca for any questions regarding your Local 2100 username or password.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE:

Just a reminder that Service Canada no longer issues the 16-digit reference code. If you are currently on a medical leave, please note that you must apply for sick benefits and complete an EI medical certificate. Please contact Service Canada for any employment insurance related inquiries. Service Canada can be contacted at 1-800-206-7218, or by visiting their website at [Service Canada - Canada.ca](http://ServiceCanada-Canada.ca).

EDVANTAGE:

Please note that effective spring of 2022, Edvantage hard copies are no longer being printed as members can access a digital version by visiting www.edvantage.ca. Members need to register for a new account, provide their organization name (OPSEU local 2100), their last name and Edvantage number. If you do not have an Edvantage number, or forgot your Edvantage number, please email Paulina Medeiros at secretary-treasurer@opseu2100.ca.