

President's Report

It's my pleasure to welcome you back to school. This school year has gotten off to a bit of a busy start but every day I cross one more thing off of my to do list. Only 566 more things to cross off and I'll be well on my way into October 1st! This is going to be a busy year for your union executive. First up is our Provincial election on October 10th. This election the most pressing issue besides education and health care is the Referendum on MMP (multi member proportional. If you are not clear on the Referendum issues, please give me an email and I will help explain it further. Essentially, though it's electoral reform for Ontario. OSSTF strongly supports MMP. It will give our members broader representation because you get two votes; one for the local politician of your choice and one for your chosen political party. MMP will elect a party and candidates who are more representational of the 'popular' vote. You can read more about it at www.osstf.on.ca . We will also be heading into negotiations with the Upper Grand School Board very shortly. I will be keeping you updated on that process. Please remember to keep me updated on any issues in your schools that may affect our negotiations such as excessive (over 75 mins) supervision, not getting lunches or breaks and any other pertinent issues.

Lastly, I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the beautiful fall colours. I will see you all at our PD Day on October 26th, in Alma.

Best wishes,
Tracey Selkirk