



THE DISPATCH

SUMMER 2023

SUMMER GREETINGS FROM YOUR 2023-24 TORONTO OT LOCAL EXECUTIVE:



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We hope you are having an enjoyable and restful summer. The Local's office is closed for the summer. However, if you have an urgent matter, you can contact ETFO Provincial Professional Relations Services (PRS) at

☎ **416.962.3836.**

The Local office will re-open on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Your released officer team will be refreshed and ready to serve you, the members. For Local contact info, please go to the Local's website:

🌐 <https://etfo-torots.org/about-us/the-executive/>

2023-24 LOCAL POCKET CALENDAR

The Local's 2023-24 Pocket Calendar is being mailed out in the summer to those members who responded to the print mail survey and expressly indicated that they wanted a paper copy. If you did not receive a copy and want a copy of the pocket calendar, please contact the office in September. There will be a limited number available on a first-come, first-serve basis.





! ADVISORY: ALWAYS CHECK YOUR EARNINGS STATEMENT !

Unfortunately, some of our members continue to experience payroll difficulties with the TDSB. Here are some tips to follow when trying to understand and track your earnings statement.

Accurately track the days you've worked and know your QECO rating and experience level (grid rate for LTOs).

1. View your pay statements by typing mytdsb.on.ca in the address line of your internet browser and press the enter key. Scroll to where you can enter your Employee # (preceded by enough zeros to make a six-digit number) and your Password. After completing this click on Log in. Next, click on TDSBWeb. This will take you to the internal TDSB website for employees. Once you are signed in on TDSBWeb, you may access myINFO to view all your pay statements.
2. Sometimes you will need to compare the total received over many pay periods to determine the accuracy of a particular pay. Unfortunately, the TDSB does not always accurately itemize, backdated, debits or credits (missed days or over payments).
3. Have an approximate idea of what your gross pay should be. If one pay seems too high or too low, it might be an adjustment from a previous pay period. Again, we stress the importance of tracking and reviewing all your pay statements.
4. Unless you are a retired, teacher, make sure that pension contributions are being deducted. Check your T4 slip to see what you paid last year. Unfortunately, this doesn't always happen. So, please double check.
5. Compare your year to date, T4 information, in the bottom, right corner of each page, with information from previous pays.

For questions, contact your TDSB payroll assistant, they should be able to explain any irregularities in your pay information.

To find your TDSB payroll assistant go to [tdsbWeb](#) – Employee Services – Payroll Services – Contact Us.

If problems persist, contact the Local and explain the problem. If necessary, we will advocate on your behalf.



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SALARY AND QUALIFICATIONS: DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE TDSB

If you do not have a QECO statement on file with the TDSB, you will need to apply for one before the end of your LTO. You must complete the TDSB Online Letter of Intent – Change in Salary Group indicating that you have applied for your statement and will forward the necessary documentation as soon as possible. This online application can be found on the Board's website (TDSBWeb) under Forms and Information - Occasional Teaching.

Your LTO Salary placement will be at Category A1 Step 0 until you send a copy of your QECO evaluation statement and documentation of any previous teaching experience to your Records Assistant contact at the TDSB Occasional Teaching office.

Only once that information has been received and processed, will the necessary salary adjustments be made.

QECO can be accessed through their website. Allow 12 weeks for processing.

Teaching experience with other Boards of Education or Ministry inspected private schools may be credited. You must contact the previous board employers and request a statement of teaching experience on official letterhead showing the start and end dates of employment (day/month/year) and whether you were employed as a contract or LTO teacher, with full or part-time

OTIP OCCASIONAL AND CASUAL MEMBERS (OCM) PLAN:

TDSB Elementary Occasional Teachers who taught at least **80** elementary full-time equivalent days or more in the 2022-23 school year, are eligible to enrol in the OTIP OCM (Occasional and Casual Members) TDSB Group Benefit Plan

effective September 1, 2022, at **50%** of the cost of the premiums as per your Collective Agreement (13.6.0 on page 52-53).

If you enrol in the plan, you are required to stay in the plan for 12 months, from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024. Eligible OTs receive an email to their TDSB email address in late August 2023 with a "Welcome Package" and an invitation to enroll in the OCM plan via the OTIP secure site. Eligible OTs must enrol by September 30, 2023 as indicated in the email "Welcome Package".

For questions, please contact OTIP at
☎ **1-866-783-6847** or via email at
✉ www.otip.com/contactus

OTIP ETFO EMPLOYEE ELHT BENEFIT PLAN FOR OTS IN LTOS:

OTs who obtain an eligible LTO assignment allowing them to enroll in the OTIP ETFO ELHT Benefit Plan will have their premium payments for the OTIP OCM plan suspended while in the LTO assignment.

TDSB Elementary OTs who are in a Long-Term Occasional (**LTO**) assignment that is longer than **90** consecutive calendar days are eligible to enrol in the **OTIP ETFO Employee ELHT Benefit Plan** once your LTO information has been processed by the TDSB and provided to OTIP. You should receive email information from OTIP to your TDSB email address.

Please contact the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP) at
☎ 1-866-783-6847 or via email at
✉ www.otip.com/contactus
for information on the ETFO Employee ELHT Benefits Plan.

