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Date: 03 December 2014

ATTENTION: All Teachers



OLRB Preliminary Meeting

On November 24, a preliminary meeting was held at the Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB) between the three parties at the provincial bargaining table, which includes OECTA and the employer side [consisting of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provincial bargaining team and representatives of the Government of Ontario].

The following timelines were established at this meeting:

- All parties are required to submit briefs pertaining to the five items in dispute referred to the OLRB by December 15, 2014.
- The three parties will meet with the OLRB on December 19 to provide response to the briefs submitted.

- OLRB hearing dates have been scheduled on January 9 and 19, 2015.

Further, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) have all reserved the right to seek intervener status in OECTA's hearing before the OLRB. Likewise, OECTA, ETFO and CUPE will likely seek intervener status in OSSTF's hearing before the OLRB. OSSTF's briefs are not due until the end of January and the first hearing date between their respective parties will not take place until April 1, 2015.

It is our hope that the OLRB will have made determination on the five items referred by your provincial bargaining team by the next regularly scheduled council of presidents' meeting, which will be held on February 4-6, 2015. Once the OLRB has made a determination on the five items in dispute, the provincial bargaining table will be in a position to begin negotiating any items deemed provincial matters, including the 17 already agreed-upon items ([see PB Update – Issue 10 in the Members' Centre of the OECTA website](#)).

We will continue to keep our members informed through regular and timely updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local bargaining unit president. Unit contact information can be found at <http://bit.ly/1ARrgSH>.