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Education Week 2026 – Building the Future Through Public Education May 4-8, 2026

To: Presidents and All Members

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For Action

May 4-8, 2026, is Education Week in Ontario. This year, OSSTF/FEESO is celebrating Education Week, and our theme is “Building the Future Through Public Education”.

Education Week highlights how our membership has gone beyond the normal expectations of their work to provide a welcoming environment to an incredibly diverse student population. This could be by introducing students to a new experience or place; it could be by helping a differently abled student overcome an obstacle so they could participate in a program, or it could be by providing a safe and inclusive learning environment where all students can succeed.

Education Week was originally developed by OSSTF/FEESO over 95 years ago, in 1930, to combat the public’s apparent indifference toward publicly funded education. It’s important that we continue to protect and enhance publicly funded education. We encourage Districts and Bargaining Units to take advantage of this important part of OSSTF/FEESO history as your own opportunity to promote publicly funded education and our role in it.

This year, we have created a toolkit and graphics for Districts and Bargaining Units to give members engagement ideas, each day, during Education Week. These graphics highlight the theme of Education Week – *Building the Future Through Public Education* as well as the following sub-themes:

- Monday, May 4 – Celebrating Our Public Education System
- Tuesday, May 5 – Honouring Education Workers
- Wednesday, May 6 – Mobilizing for Stronger Schools
- Thursday, May 7 – Stories of Impact – Underfunded and Over It
- Friday, May 8 – Red for Ed – Looking to the Future

We have included suggested wording for you to use with these graphics, but feel free to add your own local flair to your posts.

The graphics were created in both English and French and are available via Dropbox using this link: [Education Week-2026 - Dropbox](#). Also included are templates for District actions.

We encourage you to post the graphics on your own social media channels and share them with your members. Don't forget to tag **#OSSTF #FEESO @osstf**

This year's Education Week is featuring the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 5 on "The State of Public Education in Ontario". Encourage members and allies to join the conversation and register [here](#). The poster is attached in DBU #128.

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