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## **OSSTF/FEESO Local Lobby Week May 19-22, 2026 Come Together for Publicly Funded Education**

To: Presidents and Local Executives

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### **For Action**

The final constituency week of the 2026 Spring Session of the 44th Ontario Parliament takes place **May 19–22, 2026**. Constituency weeks provide an important opportunity to strengthen relationships with local MPPs and to engage them in public education discussions, encouraging commitment to policy, legislative, regulatory, and funding improvements that protect and strengthen publicly funded education from **K–12 through postsecondary**.

**OSSTF/FEESO Districts and Bargaining Units are** encouraged to participate in **Local Lobby Week (May 19–22, 2026)** to advance our shared goal of organizing and improving public education in Ontario.

Meeting with MPPs in their own ridings allows Districts and Bargaining Units to:

- Learn about MPP priorities and perspectives
- Share local successes, challenges, and solutions
- Reinforce OSSTF/FEESO's 2026 Pre-Budget Submission priorities and recommendations

### **Local Lobby Week Focus – *Come Together for Publicly Funded Education***

Local Lobby Week will call on government and opposition MPPs to support OSSTF/FEESO's recommendations to revitalize publicly funded education. Our key priorities are:

- A. Invest in students and public education to secure Ontario's long-term economic and social wellbeing.

- B. Address teacher and education worker shortages limiting schools, colleges, and universities.
- C. Provide comprehensive academic, social, and emotional supports for student success.
- D. Ensure safe, healthy, and inclusive learning and working environments for all.

## Local Lobby Week 2026 – Resources

The Communications/Political Action (CPA) Department is updating the **Provincial Government Relations Resource Toolkit** to support local lobbying efforts. The toolkit will include:

- MPP meeting request letter template
- Local Lobby Week media release template
- K–12 and Post-Secondary messaging guides
- *Coming Together for Publicly Funded Education* meeting poster
- MPP outreach and tracking resource
- Local Lobby Week 2026 feedback form

Resources will continue to evolve and be available via Dropbox as they are developed and finalized: <https://rb.gy/lq00r2>

Districts and Bargaining Units are encouraged to connect with their assigned CPA Secretariat and Regional Organizer for support and assistance with their local lobbying strategy and preparation for Local Lobby Week.

If you have any questions about this D/BU, contact Dan Earle at [dan.earle@osstf.ca](mailto:dan.earle@osstf.ca).

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