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Updated Date Toronto Caribbean Carnival

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Gary Fenn, Interim Associate General Secretary – Professional Services

For Action

UPDATE: Due to concerns with the weather, the organizers of Toronto Caribbean Carnival have **moved the date of the Junior Carnival to the following day, Sunday July 19, 2026.**

The Toronto Caribbean Carnival is once again hosting its annual celebrations in Toronto from June 13 to August 2, 2026, and OSSTF/FEESO is a proud sponsor for this year's festivities.

The Toronto Caribbean Carnival has been held in Toronto for decades and was previously known as "Caribana". The first celebration dates to 1967 as part of the celebration of the existence of the Canadian Caribbean community in Canada since its founding.

This year's Toronto Caribbean Carnival will welcome millions of Ontarians and international attendees to one of the largest celebrations of Caribbean arts and culture in North America. For more information on its history, please click [here](#).

OSSTF/FEESO will participate in a few activities, during which we seek to engage parents, youth and community members at large on public education and build a vision of what can be an inclusive public education system for all those in Ontario.

We are looking for volunteers to assist us in conversing with attendees at the **Junior Carnival, which will take place on Sunday, July 19, 2026.** OSSTF/FEESO will have a booth where we will be handing out promotional materials to the public and would like members to share their personal narratives about the current state of public education from the front lines and listen closely to parents and students about what they want to see for Ontario's education system.

We encourage Districts and their members to attend this festival and end their visit by volunteering to serve as an OSSTF/FEESO ambassador. For those interested in attending the Carnival, please email Allison Cillis, Provincial Organizer in the Communications and Political Action department, at allison.cillis@osstf.ca.

For more information, please visit the Toronto Carnival website at torontocarnival.ca

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