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“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

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President's Report

Linda Bartram, OTBU President

Welcome to the 2010-2011 academic year. I am looking forward to working with the new Executive and with you, the OTBU members over the next two years.



THE NEXT TWO YEARS

This September marks the beginning of the last two years of our collective agreement which ends on August 31, 2012. It seems like early days, but during these next two years I want to focus on preparing to negotiate our next collective agreement. This means establishing our priorities. One area I want to focus on is Board practices that are unfair to occasional teachers. We will be surveying the membership this school year in order to establish further priorities. Please spend some time thinking about what areas you would like to see improved in our collective agreement.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – OCTOBER 25, 2010

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES are the least known of the politicians we elect in the municipal elections, but they are the politicians who have the most direct impact on our lives as OCCASIONAL TEACHERS. They influence every aspect of our work because they decide Board priorities and control the budget. Trustees also have influence when it comes to negotiations, and we need Trustees who want labour peace in the TDSB and who are willing to work with teachers, not against them.

In this newsletter, you will find a list of the trustee candidates who have been endorsed by the District 12 Executive and the CAMPAIGN FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION. They need our support. We need them on the TDSB. If you have any time, contact the endorsed candidate in your area and offer to help by putting up signs, canvassing and working on election day – whatever you can do. The payoff is worth it. To see the list of Toronto and York Region Labour Council endorsed candidates for city council and mayor, go to www.labourcouncil.ca and click on municipal elections 2010.

OTBU General Meeting – November 24, 2010. I look forward to meeting you at our General Meeting. I encourage you to join your executive and OTBU colleagues for dinner after the meeting.