



APSSP Dufferin-Peel August 2019 Update

Welcome Back

As the summer draws to a close and you prepare to return to work, we are providing you with this brief update.

Provincial Negotiations

APSSP Provincial members, with our EWAO-ATEO partners, have had 3 negotiations meetings with the Province's team to date, the most recent of which occurred earlier this week. Negotiations are proceeding slowly as items related to the scope of provincial bargaining continue to be discussed. These scope items determine what will be discussed directly with the government's representatives and what will be left for negotiations with local school boards. We will continue to keep you updated as information becomes available.

Until a new contract comes into force, the terms of our current contract which expires on August 31, 2019, remain in place including sick leave (fully paid, short-term and long-term) and pregnancy leave top-up provisions. Should you have any questions about this, please contact your department APSSP representative(s) for clarification.

Please be mindful to avoid using Dufferin-Peel email to share any APSSP information.

Local Negotiations

A local elections team was elected at the June 2019 Annual General Meeting and will be making preparations to represent you effectively in local negotiations, including attending specialized training to be held in the fall.

Contact Information

This email was sent to the most recent email address APSSP has on file for you. If your email, home address or phone number has changed please update with your local executive representative or email sandra.lane@apssp.org to update.

Local Executive (2019/2020)

While members are welcome and encouraged to reach out to any member of the local executive, each discipline has an assigned representative(s) available to answer discipline-specific questions as they may arise. Roles for this school year are outlined below.

Kristine Chandler, **Treasurer** (Social Work, MH Worker representative)

Kellie Donaher, **VP Negotiations** (CYW representative)

Sandra Lane, **Secretary** (BCBA, CDA, OT, SLP representative)

Nadia Kerr, **President**

Cris Pergotski, **Public Relations** (Psychology representative)

Janis Stewardson, **Grievance/Member Issues** (Psychology representative)

Given the climate in the province, we continue to anticipate challenging times to continue in the education sector for some time. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns, no matter how small. Please familiarize yourself with the terms of our current collective agreement if you have not already done so and ensure that we have up to date contact information for you including email and mailing addresses so that we can keep you informed. Remember that we are stronger as a united front than we are as individuals or as a single discipline. Dufferin-Peel's students and families have and will continue to be enriched by the work each of you does each day and APSSP remains committed to working to ensure you have the best possible working conditions in which to do that work. We look forward to connecting with you over this year.

In solidarity,

Your Dufferin-Peel Executive