



President's Memo

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"It is with mixed emotions that I write my final President's Memo". Those were Allison Wallace's words back in 2011 when she left to go to Provincial Office, and they seem fitting for me today. On Friday, November 10th, 2017, I was hired as an Executive Assistant by the Provincial office of OSSTF, assigned to the Member Protection Department. I am very excited about this new opportunity to work at the Provincial level, but at the same time, I feel a sense of sadness. I have had the privilege to work with a great group of colleagues over the past 6 years as District President. It isn't easy to leave such a determined and dedicated team of leaders and the strong, supportive membership of teachers and occasional teachers in District 13.

While this new position does not start until January 2018, over the next several weeks we will be taking the actions outlined in our District and TBU constitutions to make arrangements for my replacement. Depending on the outcome of those processes there is also the possibility of the requirement to replace one of our release officers at the District Office. District 13 has a reputation across Ontario for strong leadership as a result of our successful succession planning and training of executive members. I have no doubt that our members will be on very solid ground after my departure.

At our upcoming November meeting, our District Council, made up of the District Executive and Branch Presidents, will elect a new District President. It will be very important that every school have a representative at this meeting to be sure there is full representation of the membership.

While I will need to write another President's memo before I leave this office, my departure is certainly with mixed emotions. I will miss, but never forget, my time as President of the strongest District in the Province.

Yours in Federation,

Dave Barrowclough