

Retirement Package – Secondary Teachers

In this Package, you will find several pieces of information for your consideration if you are planning to retire:

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1. Notification to the Board:

Write to the Board notifying them of your intention to retire and collect the gratuity. Giving the Board advanced notice is suggested (see sample letter in the Appendix below.) Article L20 of the Collective Agreement says that a teacher retiring needs to give the Board **4 weeks' notice**. If this time frame will not work for you, call the District Office for advice.

2. Gratuity (if you are getting one):

Article L12 of the Collective Agreement describes the Retirement Gratuity (see appendix below). The pay-out for those who have vested Retirement Gratuities was amended by Ont. Reg. 2/13 and 12/13 made under the Putting Students First Act, 2012 and Ont. Reg. 1/13 and 11/13 made under the Education Act so that your accumulated retirement gratuity credits and salary used in the calculation were frozen as of August 31, 2012. You will have received the amount of your frozen gratuity in 2012.

Decide what you will do with your gratuity. Will you collect it all in cash now, collect it all in cash the next calendar year, or collect some in cash and some direct to an RRSP? If you are going to put it into an RRSP you should do some comparison shopping as well as seek advice from a financial planner. Call Wendy Knowlton (or her substitute person Robyn Burns) at the Board Office for retirement gratuity options and important information. Once you submit your retirement letter, the Board will send you a gratuity option selection form.

3. DDSB Software and Portal:

It is important to be aware that once you have retired, you will no longer be on the DDSB email system or have access to the Portal or the Employee Self Serve system. You will also no longer have access to any programs through Microsoft O365 or Google applications. If you wish to retrieve copies of pay stubs, T-4 slips or email contacts you will need to do so before your retirement date.

4. Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan:

Contact the [Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan](#) or use their online system and make sure that they have all of the documents they need to process your pension. It is recommended that you make these inquiries at least six months before retirement. You may not realize all of the official documents which are required. These can include items such as:

- TD1 Form (Ontario Personal Tax Credits Return)
- Voided Cheque (for direct deposit)
- Photocopy of Birth Certificate
- Photocopy of your Marriage Certificate (if married) or Affidavit of Relationship
- Photocopy of your spouse's Birth Certificate and SIN number
- Photocopy of Certificate of Divorce or Decree Absolute, if applicable

Pensions are paid on the last day of each month so it is advisable not to retire on the first day of a month as you will not receive your pension cheque until the end of the following month.

Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan - OTPP

Office Hours: 8:00am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday

Phone: (416) 226-2700

Toll Free: 1 (800) 668-0105

Fax: (416) 730-7807

Fax Toll Free: 1 (800) 949-8208

Email: Inquiry@otpp.com

www.otpp.com

5. LTD Premium Termination

At some point late in your career, it may be possible to stop paying your monthly LTD premiums. In order to stop your premiums, you need to meet one of three criteria. These criteria relate to your credit in the pension plan (and not simply your 85 factor), whether you have submitted your retirement letter to the Board and your proximity to age 65. See LTD Premium Termination Form attached for details and to see if you qualify.

6. Starting Your Canada Pension Plan (CPP)

CPP is integrated with your Teachers' pension

As with most pension plans in the country, the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan is designed to work with the Canada Pension Plan (CPP). Each year, the CPP establishes a maximum amount of earnings on which to base your contributions (for example, in 2019 the maximum is \$57,400). While you were working, you contributed less to the Teachers' pension plan on earnings below the CPP maximum, and you contributed more on that portion of your earnings above the CPP maximum.

As a result, when you turn 65 (or when you begin receiving a CPP disability pension), your Teachers' pension is reduced to partially recognize the benefits payable from CPP. The reduction is based on a formula, not what you will receive from CPP. Generally, the reduction equals about two-thirds of the unreduced CPP pension you would qualify to receive at 65.

You can begin to collect a reduced CPP pension any time between the ages of 60 and 65. Regardless of when you decide to take your CPP pension, your Teachers' pension will be reduced at age 65.

How the CPP reduction formula works

The CPP reduction factor is determined by the Ontario Teachers' Federation and the Ontario government, the plan's partners.

OTPP determines your CPP reduction at the time of your retirement by using the following formula:

CPP reduction factor (currently 0.45%)	x Years of service in Teachers' plan during which you also contributed to CPP	x Year's Maximum Pensionable Earnings average or best-five salary (if less)	= CPP reduction
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When should you begin taking your CPP pension?

While this very personal decision is in your hands, we can offer some advice and point you in the right direction for additional information.

If your expenses will be high during your early retirement years, consider collecting CPP early. By starting a reduced CPP pension early, you may receive it for a longer period of time. However, by waiting until you are age 65, you will receive more each month.

To obtain more details about the factors that might help you make a decision, contact your local Service Canada office or visit their website at www.servicecanada.gc.ca. They can provide you with estimates of your reduced and unreduced CPP pension.

Old Age Security is not integrated with your Teachers' pension

Unlike the CPP, Old Age Security (OAS) is not integrated with the Teachers' pension plan. You are currently eligible to begin receiving OAS payments at age 65. Full OAS benefits usually are available to seniors who have lived in Canada for at least 40 years after age 18. Partial pensions may be available if residency requirements are not met.

Most retired education workers qualify for the maximum pension from OAS. The maximum is about \$540 a month. The federal government begins clawing back OAS when total net income reaches \$75,910 (for 2019).

7. Health Insurance after Retirement

Retired educational employees remain covered by OHIP. Additional health insurance coverage upon retirement needs to be carefully considered.

Some questions to think about:

1. Does Extended Health Care become my financial responsibility when I retire or do I have coverage through my spouse?
2. Do I want protection against expensive medical costs?
3. Do I want similar benefits to those I enjoyed as an educational employee?
4. Do I want Semi-Private or Private Room coverage?
5. Will I be travelling? Will I need a comprehensive travel plan?
6. What is my family status? Do I need single, couple or family coverage?
7. Does it cover 80% or 100% of prescriptions? What are the different maximums?
8. Will I need a dental plan?
9. What is the monthly premium?
10. Is medical evidence required?
11. What are the payment methods?
12. Is there a waiting period?
13. Will my survivor be eligible to remain in the plan?
14. Is the Ontario Drug Benefit Plan going to be there when I retire?

Currently, your OSSTF ELHT Medical, Dental and Life insurance plan is run by OTIP. You may have coverage through OTIP for car and home insurance as well. OTIP also offers retiree benefits for education workers called RTIP (or ARM for OSSTF members). OTIP is an insurance company which is wholly owned by the Education Sector affiliates (OSSTF, ETFO, OECTA, EAFO).

RTIP (Retired Teachers Insurance Plan)
Affiliated with ARM (Active Retired Members of OSSTF)
Run by OTIP
www.rtip.com

Below is a brief summary of RTIP for your consideration:

Why choose RTIP?

- Five health care plans to choose from.
- Deluxe travel insurance is included in every RTIP plan and provides coverage for trips up to **95 consecutive days!**
- Option to add dental coverage at any time, without penalty.
- Complimentary access to these important services:
 - CAREpath – the Cancer Assistance Program
 - Express Scripts Canada Pharmacy – a home delivery program that covers 100% of your generic maintenance prescription drug expenses
 - Edvantage – savings, contests and special events
 - The Seniors' Care Assistance Program™ – provided by Bayshore HealthCare

Visit www.rtip.com to learn more!

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ARTICLE L12 - RETIREMENT GRATUITY PLAN

12.1 A teacher with a minimum of ten (10) consecutive years of service as a teacher with the Board or a predecessor thereof, to the date of retirement shall be granted a gratuity based on the accumulated yearly credits and the highest annual salary during the five (5) years prior to retirement.

12.2 Only credits earned by the teacher during employment with the Board or a predecessor thereof shall be used in the calculation of the gratuity.

12.3 Credits will be accumulated as follows:

(a) Each teacher will be given a credit of two (2) percent for each year of service with the Board or predecessor thereof prior to September 1973.

(b) Commencing in September 1973, a teacher will be given a percentage credit for each year of service with the Board or a predecessor thereof based on the following table:

<u>Sick Leave Credits Unused at the End of Each Individual Year</u>	<u>Percentage Credits to be Added to an Employee's Accumulated Credits at the End of Each Individual Year</u>
20	2.0 percent
19	2.0
18	2.0
17	2.0
16	2.0
15	2.0
14	1.9
13	1.8
12	1.7
11	1.6
10	1.5
9	1.4
8	1.3
7	1.2
6	1.1
5	1.0
4	0.8
3	0.6
2	0.4
1	0.2
0	0.0

The teacher's accumulated credits at the end of each year shall not be reduced.

(c) A teacher can accumulate a maximum credit of 50% for service with the Board or a

predecessor thereof.

- (d) Teachers who have been absent ten (10) or more consecutive school days in any one (1) year shall be granted a gratuity credit of up to 2 percent in any one (1) year to a maximum of 5 percent at retirement.
- (e) On each occasion where a pregnancy and parental leave has been extended or where a parental leave without a pregnancy leave has been extended, there will be no loss of accumulated retirement gratuity credits.

12.4 The retirement gratuity plan calculation is based on:

- (a) The total percentage credit in any teacher's account.
- (b) The highest annual salary during the five (5) years prior to retirement.
- (c) Example:
 - (i) Teacher with fifty percent credit accumulation and salary of \$16,000 at retirement:
$$\frac{\$16,000 \times 50}{100} = \$8,000$$
 - (ii) Teacher with 16.5 percent credit accumulation and salary of \$16,000 at retirement:
$$\frac{\$16,000 \times 16.5}{100} = \$2,640$$

12.5 The Director shall keep or cause to be kept, a record in which shall be entered the credits for each year and the accumulated credits to date. In September of every year each teacher shall receive a statement of that teacher's accumulated credits in the plan as of the previous June 30.

12.6 It is the responsibility of the teacher to make written application for the retirement gratuity and to submit evidence that that teacher has made application for, and is eligible to receive, a pension from the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board.

12.7 A part year will be pro-rated.

12.8 The gratuity will be paid in one (1) sum in the month following retirement if the Board is so advised with two (2) months notice prior to the retirement date, or no later than two (2) calendar months following late notice to the Board. The teacher may request deferment of the gratuity payment to the next calendar year, subject to CCRA legislation, regulations and rulings.

- 12.9** In the event of the death of a teacher, either before or after retirement, but before receiving the benefits as provided in this plan, such benefits shall be paid to that teacher's estate.
- 12.10** A retiring teacher, as referred to in this plan, is interpreted as being: one who ceased to be employed by the Board, and has made application for, and is eligible to receive a pension from the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board.
- 12.11** The Employee Relations Committee of the Board will give consideration to requests by O.S.S.T.F. on behalf of their individual members who are on Long-Term Disability.
- 12.12** A teacher who retires having received a retirement gratuity from the Board, and who is re-hired to a probationary position with the Board, must re-qualify for retirement gratuity pursuant to paragraph 12.01. Once eligible, the teacher is entitled only to a gratuity credit up to the difference between the maximum 50% gratuity and the percentage gratuity previously paid.

Sample Retirement Letter for the Board

Submit via hard copy or email
to Robyn Burns and
cc Paul Brown, Operations Manager
cc your Principal
(email: robyn.burns@ddsb.ca, paul.brown@ddsb.ca)

Robyn Burns
Durham District School Board
400 Taunton Road East
Whitby, Ontario
L1R 2K6

Dear Ms. Burns:

I intend to retire from my employment as a teacher with the Durham District School Board, effective_____. I have been in contact with the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board to ensure my eligibility to receive a pension and have enclosed a recent pension statement. Please forward any documentation the Durham District School Board will require me to complete in order to indicate my intentions regarding my gratuity payout.

Sincerely,

cc Paul Brown, Operations Manager
cc your Principal



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Application for Long Term Disability (LTD) Coverage Termination OSSTF Provincial LTD Plan Teachers Bargaining Unit Members

Basic Personal Information *(Must be completed)*

Name (Last, First and Middle Initial)		
Address (Number, Street and Apt.)		
City	Province	Postal Code
Home Telephone Number	Work Telephone Number	School Board Durham District School Board
Email Address (Personal)		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Employee Number		Policy number 50183-213A

This form should be completed to terminate your LTD coverage and discontinue your premium deductions. Cancelling your LTD coverage should only be done after serious consideration of potential consequences.

There are **three** scenarios under which your LTD coverage could be terminated. Please check off the situation that applies to you and submit the required information as detailed below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Scenario 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Scenario 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Scenario 3
<p>You are eligible for a 60% unreduced service pension now.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You are eligible for a 60% unreduced service pension within the later of either the next 110 working days or the expiration of your sick leave to a maximum of 24 months.</p>	<p>Your scheduled retirement date is within the next 110 working days and you have notified both the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and your school board.</p>	<p>You have reached the end of the month in which you turned age 65.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You will reach the end of the month in which you turned age 65 within the later of either the next 110 working days or the expiration of your sick leave to a maximum of 24 months.</p>
<p><i>A copy of your Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board service credit statement is required.</i></p>	<p><i>A copy of your retirement letter plus a copy of your Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board statement is required.</i></p>	<p><i>Proof of age is required (i.e. provincial health card, driver's licence or birth certificate).</i></p>

NOTE:

- If a request for cancellation is received **by** the 15th of the month, coverage will be cancelled on the 1st of the following month.
- If a cancellation request is received **after** the 15th of the month, coverage will not be cancelled until the 1st of the second month (subject to your board's payroll deadlines).

Authorization

In recognition of the documentation attached, I waive all rights of benefit or redress against the LTD plan, or my federation, or its officers, should I become ill or disabled subsequent to the effective date of this termination request and prior to my retirement from the board.

Return your completed form to your local OSSTF district office. c/o Nicole Bléau

Signature X _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____