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Dear Early Childhood Educator

As an Early Childhood Educator working in an education setting, one of the most important decisions you may be asked to make is to select a union to represent you in your working relationship with your school board.

OSSTF/FEESO, a recognized and respected leader in education, has historically and consistently supported Early Childhood Educators, and remains well-positioned to continue advocating on behalf of Early Childhood Educators in the future. OSSTF/FEESO has over twenty years of experience representing educational professionals in elementary schools across Ontario. We have the expertise to provide you with protection and support for all aspects of your professional and working relationship.

OSSTF/FEESO is a trade union which represents 60,000 members in Ontario. Our diverse membership includes secondary teachers, early childhood educators, social workers, speech and language pathologists and educational assistants to only name a few. Our members work in both English and French public and separate elementary and secondary schools, board work sites and in universities.

The ECE-teacher team model for the delivery of JK and Kindergarten is well known to OSSTF/FEESO. OSSTF/FEESO has represented ECEs working in school boards since 1990. As an ECE, you have an important role to play in creating and delivering a play-based early learning program. Your qualifications and specialized skills will provide an exciting perspective on early learning education.

On June 24, 2010, OSSTF/FEESO successfully completed negotiations with the Government of Ontario to secure additional funding to increase salaries for Early Childhood Educators to ensure that the professional credentials of Early Childhood Educators are recognized through appropriate remuneration. We are committed to ensuring that the ECE-teacher team is strengthened as the Early Learning Program is rolled-out over the next five years.

OSSTF/FEESO looks forward to you joining our union in your new role as Early Childhood Educators. This is an exciting time for early learners in Ontario and OSSTF/FEESO looks forward to representing you as you make this vision of early learning a reality.

Yours in Federation



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