

ELECT GORDON ROBITAILLE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

It is with great confidence that we unanimously endorse Gordon Robitaille in his campaign for Vice-President of OSSTF. With over eight years of experience representing OSSTF members at the Branch, Bargaining Unit, and District levels, Gordon has proven himself an unwavering advocate for the best interests of both our members and our school communities.

During his tenure, Gordon has successfully navigated complex contractual issues and, on many occasions, found ways to resolve long standing problems. Some key accomplishments include: securing 4/3rds pay for occasional teachers (1.33 FTE); negotiating language for Dedicated Occasional Teaching positions to ensure greater financial stability and access to benefits; securing the right to attend healthcare appointments during preparation time without using sick leave; and preventing teachers from being assigned duties outside the 4-period (300-minute) framework. These improvements not only benefit our members, but they also benefit our employer by acting as recruitment tools.

Gordon is deeply committed to the long-term sustainability of OSSTF. His leadership in the streamlining of BU operations resulted in our successful reduction in spending, while improving the overall coordination and effectiveness of our bargaining unit. Also, he fostered a rejuvenation of our democratic processes by creating training manuals for several officer positions, giving prospective candidates greater confidence to step forward during elections. Furthermore, his frequent, detailed communication with members in Wednesday Updates has been instrumental in keeping members informed and engaged.

What sets Gordon apart is his ability to approach challenges from multiple perspectives and work collaboratively with all parties to find fair and innovative solutions. He is a trusted advisor to our membership and he consistently demonstrates integrity, transparency, and a deep commitment to the values that strengthen our union.

We are confident that Gordon will continue to serve our organization with distinction at the provincial level. His leadership, vision, and dedication make him an excellent candidate for the role, and we proudly offer our unanimous endorsement.

Sincerely,

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