

# AM ETFO INFO

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## Benefits Update

If you have been contacted by OTIP regarding changes to your benefits this school year, please make careful note of the timelines in your letter. Failure to complete your enrolment within the timeframe can lead to problems accessing benefits in the future.

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## Welcome Back!

Once again we find ourselves in uncharted territory! After 3 and 1/2 months of online learning, most members have returned to the physical classroom while others are teaching from the online school. Regardless of the setting, you have once again shown your unending commitment to your students, their families and your colleagues. As always, you are to be commended for your caring and dedicated professionalism!





## Contact your Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

**Immediate, confidential help  
for any concern**

Your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a confidential and voluntary support service. You can receive support over the telephone, in person, online, and through a variety of issue-based health and wellness resources. You'll get practical, relevant support, fast and in a way that is most suited to your preferences, learning approach and lifestyle. There is no cost to use your EAP. Immediate, confidential help is just a phone call away, toll-free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

1.800.387.4765 or visit

<http://www.shepell.com/>

## Our Portfolios

We are all happy to assist you with any questions. Please use the chart below to direct your contact.

Kent	Laura	Darrell
<b>Committee Liaison:</b> a) Budget b) Constitution c) Elections  <b>Grievances</b>  <b>Leaves:</b> a) With pay (not including sick leave) b) Without Pay c) DSLP  <b>PRS Issues</b>  <b>Retirements/ Resignations</b> Including: Pension workshop Retiree Benefits workshop  <b>Staffing</b>	<b>Administration of:</b> a) Benevolent Fund b) Facebook Group c) Steward Selection Process d) 25 year pins  <b>Attendance and Disability Management</b>  <b>Committee Liaison:</b> a) Awards b) SE&J c) PL  <b>EAP</b>  <b>Leaves:</b> a) Sick leave  <b>OTIP</b> a) ELHT b) LTD  <b>Mental Health Leadership Team Representative</b>	<b>Administration of:</b> a) website b) Non-board email c) TPA Process  <b>Collective Agreement</b> (all items not already assigned)  <b>Collective Bargaining</b>  <b>Committee Liaison:</b> a) Collective Bargaining b) Environment c) PA/PR  <b>Grievance Officer</b>  <b>Let Us Know Surveys/Violence</b>  <b>Maternity/ Parental/ Adoption Leaves</b> a) Statutory b) Non-statutory c) Workshops



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The Avon Maitland Teachers' Local is the union local in the Huron Perth area for the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario. The Avon Maitland Teachers' Local represents all of the 650 full and part time elementary teachers employed by the Avon Maitland District School Board.

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The 2021/2022 salary grid is available on the [AMETFO.ca](http://AMETFO.ca) website under the Members Only tab. It is located in Article 10.03 of the Local Table Collective Agreement.

## Retirement Information

- If you are approaching retirement time, you can access your personal pension information online in a safe and secure environment. Members should register for iAccess at [www.otpp.com](http://www.otpp.com)
- If you are considering retirement for this year you may want to inquire about your end date of LTD payments. To determine your end date
- If you are considering retirement within the next five years, please reserve the evening of **Wednesday, November 17th, 2021** for a virtual pension planning workshop for all AMETFO members and their partners.
- If you require information about retirement, please feel free to contact Kent Cleland.

## Dates to Remember

September 20 - Executive Meeting

October 11 - Thanksgiving

October 12 - Steward Meeting

October 12 - Fall General Meeting