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# AM ETFO INFO

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## Upcoming Staff Dates:

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**March 31** - Receive initial letter stating "Teachers Surplus to School Requirements"

**March 31** - Receive initial letter stating "Teachers Surplus for District Reasons"

**April 15** - Receive final confirmation in writing of being "Surplus to School Requirements" or "Surplus for District Reasons"

**May 31** - A teacher shall provide written notice of the intention to resign or retire effective June 30 or August 31.

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## Collective Bargaining Updates

On March 2, 2023, members received a phone call from ETFO Provincial, to participate in a telephone town hall. This town hall provided updates about Collective Bargaining at the central level.

If you did not receive the phone call, please contact ETFO Member Services at 1-888-838-3836 to update your member record.

Members who were unable to listen to the call can access the recording in the members only section of ETFO's website at [members.etfo.ca](https://members.etfo.ca)

Members who have not registered can click the "Register Today" button at the above site.

Locally, the Collective Bargaining committee is meeting and is preparing our preliminary submission. Once ETFO's Deputy General Secretary approves the preliminary submission, it will be brought forward to our Local membership for ratification. More details and dates for these meetings will follow.



## Contact your Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Immediate, confidential help for any concern 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>

### Services Offered:

Professional counselling

Financial support

Legal support

Nutrition support

Family support

Health coaching

Naturopathic services

Fitness support

**Did You Know...** The AMETF0 Executive makes an annual donation to the the United Way Huron Perth. The United Way assists those that are most vulnerable in our area including;

- the 5,079 people that accessed food in Perth & Huron through agencies and food banks.
- the 933 individuals that accessed food skills programming in Perth & Huron
- the 343 individuals that were supported with financial assistance for extracurricular activities through the YMCA.
- the 97 kids that were matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister to foster intellectual, emotional and social well-being
- the 200 people that are homeless in Perth and Huron right now.
- the 110 youth that accessed safe shelter and were given a fresh start in Perth and Huron
- the 135 women and children that were sheltered after experiencing domestic violence in Huron
- and the 348 women and children that received emergency shelter and counselling in Perth & Huron.

## Having a Baby or Taking a Parental Leave?

Sign in to BabySteps with your Ontario Teachers' account to keep track of your buyback payments and deadlines.

Not ready to buy back your maternity leave? Don't have an online account with us yet? You can still use the app to learn more about buying back and to hear what your peers have to say about their experience.

You can also read the BabySteps Blog, which combines plan news with parenting tips from leading experts.

<http://www.otpp.com/BabySteps>

The BabySteps app will keep your buy-back on track.



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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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All members should have an OTPP (formally access) account to:

**Explore:**

- Scenarios with the Pension Calculator
- Your online pension checkup
- How you can maximize your pension by buying back a leave
- Your service summary
- Change your survivor pension

**Tip** – if you are married, you should have your survivor pension set at 75% until you retire

**Plan:**

- Your future with the Retirement Centre & For your survivors

**Dates to Remember**

March 7 - Executive Meeting

March 10 - 17 - March Break

April 4 - Executive Meeting

April 15 - Good Friday

April 18 - Easter Monday

May 4 - Bids & Bites

May 9 - Annual Meeting

May 22 - Victoria Day

June 8 - AMETFO Awards Celebration