



Edmonton Public Teachers

Local 37 of The Alberta Teachers' Association

REMINDER!

General Meeting of the Bargaining Unit Edmonton Public School Division

SUNDAY, October 22, 2023, 6:00 pm
HALL H - EDMONTON EXPO CENTRE

THERE ARE NOW ITEMS TO BE VOTED ON!

Happy October colleagues!

I hope this email finds you well.

As you know, **this Sunday October 22nd at 6pm at the Edmonton Expo Centre**, our Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37 is holding a Bargaining Unit General Meeting (BUGM) for ALL members.

Originally this meeting had been planned to give an update on how bargaining was going, and to look at next steps.

After two very long days of bargaining last Thursday and Friday (+12 hours each day... and Friday going until 9:45 pm), **your bargaining team now have some Agreed-to-Items (things that both sides came to a consensus on) as well as some Mediator's Recommendations (items that they had to get the mediator to step in on) to vote on, this Sunday.**

This is your opportunity to ask questions, express your opinions and to have your voice heard when we vote on whether or not to accept these items.

The meeting will include how the bargaining process went for our team, and recommendations of acceptance/non-acceptance from the Teacher Welfare Committee and the Local Executive Committee.

Again... it is SUPER IMPORTANT we have as many people there as possible to not only hear how they arrived at these items, but to also decide if they are "good enough" to accept. **Only our membership can decide that!**

In the case of our colleagues at Edmonton Catholic when they were in the same position in bargaining, 100 people turned out for the meeting...of 3000 members. Those 100 members decided for everyone what their next steps were.

Our participation in this meeting is **vital**, but even more important is having **as many of our members there as possible**. A large turnout helps us all, not just in terms of having a voice but also if next steps are needed.

Plan to attend this important bargaining meeting on **Sunday, October 22nd at the Edmonton Expo Centre at 6:00 pm, parking is FREE!**

I urge you to make time in your busy lives to attend the BUGM and have your say in YOUR collective agreement.

We will also be offering a 'Bargaining 101' session from 5:30-6:00 pm for those that want to learn a little more on how central and local bargaining works in general.

See you Sunday at 6pm!

Heather

**DETAILS:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
EDMONTON EXPO CENTRE, HALL H
6:00 PM
FREE PARKING**

General Meetings of the Bargaining Unit are restricted to members employed under contract by the Edmonton Public School Division on the day of the meeting and any substitute teacher who has been employed at any time within the past 60 calendar days.

LOCAL UPDATES

1. **COR in FOUR video** (top four items from Council): You can view it [HERE](#).
2. **School Visits:** In the past two months I've been out to 12 schools bringing Italian Bakery treats and greetings from the Local! Talk to your principal and invite me out to speak to your staff on a PD day, staff meeting day, or even an informal morning donut and coffee talk!
3. **ASEBP reminders & deadlines:** If you still have unclaimed receipts for the 2022-23 school year, you have until **OCTOBER 30th** (NOT 31st) to claim them.
4. **EPTL's Extended Disability Support Group:** Did you know we have an Extended Disability Support group? Know of a colleague that has gone on EDB? Are you on EDB and want to maintain connections

with others that are going through the same experiences? Email the Local to be added to our mail-out list, or visit our website and click [HERE](#) for more information.

5. New Teacher Induction Ceremony - Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm: Are you new to the profession in the last two years? Have you NEVER been inducted into the profession but want to be? Sign up through Eventbrite [HERE](#) to join us for an evening of ceremony, swag, appies and drinks!

6. Teacher/Self-Directed PD days for 2023/24 school year: Just a reminder that our self-directed PD days this year are on November 14th and March 11th. Your Local PD committee is planning a couple of off-site PD activities. If you are interested, please ask your principal and then register for the activities! See the upcoming PD sessions [HERE](#).

7. ARA resolutions deadline – October 31, 2023, 4:00 pm: Interested in helping to set policy and direction for the provincial association? Have an idea for a resolution or need help formulating an idea? Reach out to President Quinn or Catherine LeBlanc at the Local office - info@edpub.org.



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