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Proposals for Teachers' Consideration – Available April 7

The *Proposals for Teachers' Consideration* booklet will be distributed on April 7 to local association presidents and councillors. Thank you again to all teachers who participated in the bargaining survey and/or the focus groups that served to test, refine and validate the proposals. This document will also be available online to all members for their review leading up to councillors' debate and decision making at the Annual Meeting of Council to be held April 26-29, 2017.

The proposals for provincial collective bargaining approved by Council will be used to begin negotiations and to guide the Teachers' Bargaining Committee throughout the process. Please note that documents containing proposals for provincial collective bargaining are confidential and intended solely for the use of STF members.

Teachers' Bargaining Committee

The Teachers' Bargaining Committee continues to prepare for the upcoming negotiations phase of the provincial collective bargaining cycle with its second orientation meeting on March 4, 2017. In accordance with legislative requirements, the official four-person Teachers' Bargaining Committee is comprised of:

Randy Schmaltz (chief spokesperson)	Brent Keen
Patrick Maze	Debbie Ward

The Teachers' Bargaining Committee accesses additional supports and advice from the STF Executive, senior administrative staff members, research, communications and administrative support staff as well as external consultants in the area of communications, government relations, economic analysis and collective bargaining.

Commencement of Negotiations

On March 17, 2017, the Teachers' Bargaining Committee filed a letter notifying the parties to the Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement of the commencement of negotiations for a new agreement. According to *The Education Act, 1995*, the notice to commence bargaining must be sent no later than 100 days prior to the expiration of the current agreement. The current agreement expires on August 31, 2017.

New Resources for Teachers

Members are encouraged to check out the new video on collective interests found at www.stf.sk.ca/teaching-saskatchewan/collective-bargaining/strengthening-collective. This video was developed in response to the June 2016 final report and recommendations of teachers comprising the Collective Bargaining Working Committee. In their report, the Committee recommended that an education component to uphold the standards of conduct regarding collective interests be undertaken prior to the start of active negotiations. The video is intended to raise awareness about the expectations of professional conduct by members and the collective interests of teachers.

When accessing the website please remember to sign in to your MySTF account so you can see the confidential members-only updates and content on current issues.





Questions about teacher collective bargaining?
Contact STF Bargaining Support by email at bargaining@stf.sk.ca.

Discussions about teacher collective bargaining?
Use the TeacherTalk private members' forum in MySTF on www.stf.sk.ca.

