



YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MEMORANDUM TO: Secondary Principals and Vice-Principals

cc: Superintendents of Education

FROM: Tod Dungey, Superintendent of Education, School and System Operations,
Plant and Planning
Sandy Glassford, President, District 16, OSSTF

DATE: March 20, 2019

SUBJECT: **May 3, 2019 – Secondary Professional Activity Day**

As you know, May 3, 2019 is a Secondary Professional Activity Day and is designated as a day coordinated by OSSTF for teachers. This year, professional development activities will be site-based at the home school/work location, with the exception of only a few approved regional offerings.

In the morning teachers will be working on professional development activities related to their Annual Learning Plan (ALP), and in the afternoon they will be working on Department/Subject focused professional development activities. OSSTF will advise the Principal who will be the site contact for the day's activities. Teachers will indicate their attendance on the morning of May 3 in the main office and the attendance will be kept by the school administration. The PA Day start and end times will follow the school's regular times.

Teachers who are eligible to participate in the off-site offerings have been approved by OSSTF and the Board. These specific teachers will be using the STAR Meeting Code 230. Principals will be advised via email from Vanessa Stoby of OSSTF about the list of teachers from their site that have been approved to attend workshops outside of their home school

If Principals have questions about the structure of the day or the day's activities, they may contact Vanessa Stoby at vanessa.stoby@osstfd16.on.ca. Other questions may be directed to your Superintendent of Education or Tod Dungey, Superintendent of Education, School and System Operations, Plant and Planning.

Thank you for your support of the OSSTF Secondary Professional Activity Day.

Permanent Educational Assistants, Library Technicians and Support Staff

May 3, 2019 is a Board-Directed PA Day. Principals must ensure that all staff members are involved in professional learning at the school during the day. Additional professional learning opportunities for these employees are being offered on this day. Professional learning opportunities available through [Connect2Learn](#) may be found by:

Selecting May 3, 2019 in the **Course Registration Calendar**
OR
Searching "PA day" in the **Search** bar

Some exciting NEW offerings have been made available on this PA day for support staff are:

- [PA Day - The Lighter Side of Work and Life \(keynote speaker\)/ Kids have Stress Too \(York Region\)](#)
- [PA Day - Human Trafficking Awareness](#)
- [PA Day - Cultural Competency Day Trip to Georgina Island](#)

Additional **e-Learning opportunities** are available on the [Connect2Learn](#) homepage and can be accessed from your location.

For any information regarding these learning opportunities, please contact Shawna Blencowe at shawna.blencowe@yrdsb.ca