

September 28, 2004

**TO: AFFILIATES
POST SECONDARY EDUCATION WORKING GROUP**

EMERGENCY MEETING

RE-BUILDING POST SECONDARY EDUCATION
OCTOBER 29-30, 2004

The Ontario Federation of Labour will hold a post secondary education emergency meeting beginning Friday evening, October 29 through to Saturday, October 30, 2004 at the Toronto Marriott Hotel, 90 Bloor Street East.

Registration will commence on Friday October 29, 2004 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow the registration where Erika Shaker, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, will talk about the state of Canada's Post Secondary Education System.

The theme of the conference is "*Re-Building Ontario's Post Secondary Education System*". Unions, labour councils, student and parent organizations know that organizing and mobilizing Ontarians will ensure our voices are heard and our issues are addressed through collective actions and lobbying. We have to fight public private partnerships in the post secondary education sector and collectively fight to rebuild a post secondary education system that is affordable and accessible. The concerns and issues of workers, students and parents need to be addressed.

The registration fee is **\$150.00** and includes lunch on Saturday, October 30, 2004.

Cheques should be made payable to the "***OFL Post Secondary Education Meeting***". Due to limited space, the meeting is restricted to 150 delegates. To ensure seating of your delegate(s), please mail registration and accompanying cheque as soon as possible. An electronic registration form is also available.

Conference objectives are:

- ! To provide information on the state of Canada's Post Secondary Education system and how it is affecting working people and their families.

- ! To provide a synopsis of the McGuinty government's Post Secondary Education Review.
- ! To develop province-wide collective actions and lobbying regarding the Post Secondary Education Review that will address the issues and concerns of post secondary education workers, students and their families.
- ! To develop tools and resources for the upcoming Ontario government's Post Secondary Education Review consultations and town hall meetings.

There will be limited spaces available for students wanting to attend the meeting. Please contact Pam Frache at the Canadian Federation of Students, Ontario branch, for assistance at 416.925.3825 or communications@cfs.ontario.ca.

Child care will be provided. However, to ensure arrangements, the **Child Care Registration Form** must be completed and returned by **October 15, 2004**.

Accommodation can be provided for delegates with disabilities if advance notice is received. If services are needed, please complete and return the **Personal Assistance Request Form** by **October 8, 2004**.

The meeting will be smoke free.

The Federation has arranged for a block of rooms to be reserved at a cost of \$159 plus tax per night - single or double occupancy. Please contact the hotel directly at 416.961.8000 or toll free at 1.800.859.7180 before **October 15, 2004** and identify your delegate(s) as attending the Ontario Federation of Labour's meeting.

Additional information and Registration Forms may be obtained from www.ofl-fto.on.ca or by contacting Sylvia Stewart at the OFL (416.443.7674 or toll free at 1-800.668.9138 x 674).

In solidarity,
Irene Harris
OFL Executive Vice-President