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## Memorandum

**To:** Limestone District School Board Trustees  
**From:** Steve Newstead, District and Teachers' Bargaining Unit President  
**Date:** 11/21/2008  
**Re:** Provincial Discussion Table Update

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Dear Member,

This is a message from President Ken Coran.

OSSTF/FEESO teachers and occasional teachers received correspondence from the Provincial Executive dated October 28, 2008 regarding negotiations. Included in the correspondence was a recommendation by the Provincial Executive to enter into discussions with the Ontario Government and School Board representatives to establish a provincial framework agreement that would assist teacher/occasional teacher bargaining units to achieve collective agreements that address local priorities. The membership overwhelmingly supported the Provincial Executive's recommendation in a provincial vote held from November 3 to November 13.

These discussions commenced Monday, November 17 and were scheduled to conclude Wednesday, November 19. Negotiations of this magnitude, involving three parties (OSSTF/FEESO, the Ontario Government and School Board Representatives ) are extremely complex. After three days and nights of hard bargaining, a fourth day (Thursday) was added for the parties to continue negotiations.

These negotiations recessed late Thursday afternoon and have been scheduled to resume Wednesday, November 26 and continue on Thursday, November 27, if necessary.

Further updates will be sent out as more information becomes available.

This information will also be distributed as a D/BU and a Staff Room Rap.