



OSSTF/FEESO Members on Legal Strike: Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Paul Elliott, President

For Immediate Action

Ten members of District 24's Educational Support Staff unit have commenced legal strike action as of 12:01 a.m. today, Monday, June 16. The members are employees of the Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region Consortium (STSWR). They are responsible for planning, coordinating and monitoring the transportation service for more than 30,000 students in Waterloo Region.

Their collective agreement expired on August 31, 2012, and since that time they have been attempting to negotiate a new contract. Their employer, however, has remained inflexible, and is attempting to impose conditions similar to those imposed on school board employees by Bill 115, even though the STSWR members are not school board employees and fall entirely outside the scope of Bill 115.

These members have been in a legal strike position since June 9. As of today, picket lines will be in place daily between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the STSWR office located in the Deer Ridge Centre at 4283 King Street East, Waterloo, behind the large Brick furniture store.

We urge all OSSTF/FEESO members to stand in solidarity with striking STSWR members. OSSTF/FEESO members who are within a reasonable distance are asked to consider adding their presence to the STSWR picket line whenever possible.

If you require more information, please contact Tony Stokes at tony.stokes@osstf.ca.

