

PTU COMMUNICATION

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Dear colleagues,

Whether you were teaching or enjoying a very well-deserved break, I hope that you and your loved ones were able to enjoy the summer months, despite a rainy August. The staff at the PTU Office are looking forward to continuing to support you as you begin a new academic year.

Please take note of the following information items and updates as 2026-2027 begins:

The PTU Office

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly by phone (514-426-4949) or by email and we will do everything we can to answer you as soon as possible.

Please note the following:

- Should we be on another call or in a meeting when you try to call, you may leave a voicemail directly with the person you are trying to reach by using our extensions listed below. When you call, you may enter the extension as soon as the automated message begins without needing to wait for instructions.
- To answer your questions as efficiently as possible and to avoid duplication of work, **please only direct your call to the PTU professional in charge of your area of inquiry**. Don't worry if you are not sure who to contact, we will help redirect you if needed!
- Our dossier descriptions, phone extensions and email addresses are unchanged from last year and are:
 - Matt Wilson (extension 1 or mwilson@ptusep.com): political questions, media requests, liaison to QPAT, and the general Health and Safety dossier.
 - Erica Lamothe (extension 2 or elamothe@ptusep.com): Elementary and Secondary staffing, contracts, leaves of absence, retirement, etc.
 - Pasquale Machado (extension 3 or pmachado@ptusep.com): Continuing Education staffing, contracts, leaves of absences, retirement, etc. as well as the parental rights and CNESST dossiers.
- **Please ensure that you are contacting us at our @ptusep email addresses**. We are no longer actively monitoring our various @lbpearson.ca, @pearsonteachersunion.com or @gmail.com accounts.

PTU Delegates

As you know, every year schools and centres elect their PTU delegates from amongst the teaching staff. The primary role of the delegate is to act as the liaison between us in the PTU office and teachers in the classroom, and to attend our monthly Delegates Assemblies to stay up-to-date in the life of our union.

A list of the general roles of the PTU Delegate may be found [here](#).

Last year's delegates will receive an email later today to identify their school or centre delegate(s) for 2026-2027. **We strongly encourage all schools and centres to name their delegate(s) in the next few days so that no information is missed as the year begins.**

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions about the position or the process of selecting your delegates. We thank our delegates for their continued commitment to the work of our union.

New for 2026-2027: PTU will be hosting a training session for any new delegates in the fall to help support delegates as they first take on this important role. An invitation will be sent in a few weeks once the initial list of delegates is compiled.

If your school or centre has already selected your delegates for this year, please reach out to Sonia Dumont (sdumont@ptusep.com) so that we can begin updating our lists right away.

PTU Website

You may access digital versions of collective agreements, salary scales and a variety of information documents from the [Resource page of the PTU website here](#).

Please note that all of the handbooks are currently being updated and should be completed by the end of September. Feel free to check the footer of a handbook at any time to see if it has already been updated.

Part-Time Workloads

If your workload is less than 100%, it is important to meet with your principal or centre director as soon as possible to set your work calendar for the year. For example, a teacher with a 50% workload starting on the first day of school will work 100 days, including pedagogical days. You need to determine your work schedule for both instructional and pedagogical days with your administrator as soon as possible to avoid misunderstandings.

Please contact either Erica Lamothe or Pasquale Machado if you have specific questions.

DALF Preparatory Course Registration

A new session of the DALF preparatory course began yesterday and runs on Monday and Tuesday evenings until the week of September 21st. Interested teachers may still be able to register. You may find more information [here](#).

Any teacher who wishes to apply for reimbursement through the Central Professional Improvement Committee (CPIC) must declare their intention by completing the application form immediately. Please see your local committee chairperson if needed.

Founders' Memorial and Jack Johnson Memorial Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded to a child, grandchild, niece or nephew of a QPAT member in good standing who has graduated from secondary studies and proceeding to their first year of full-time post-secondary studies.

Applicants must be intending to attend a post-secondary institution during the 2026-2027 academic year to be eligible.

For more information, [please see QPAT's notice here](#). The application forms may be [downloaded directly from QPAT's website](#).

All applications are due no later than **October 15, 2026** and must be submitted to evelyne.landry@qpat-apeq.qc.ca

As always, do not hesitate to contact us at the PTU Office with any questions or concerns. We wish you a very successful 2026-2027 academic year!

All the very best,



Matt Wilson
PTU President