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# RTU-SER Newsletter

## •NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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Now that school is well under way, I hope that everyone has settled in and the school year is running smoothly for you.

As you may have heard from our Delegates Council, RTU ratified the agreement by 90%. It was also ratified 85% throughout the province, and both parties are now at the writing stage! We should have the text by January 2011.

I would also like to thank all those teachers who participated in our Action Plan, as well as the teachers who received "Letters of warning". This action helped improve our collective agreement. JOB WELL DONE!

## • LABOUR MOBILITY AGREEMENT

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If any of you are coming from outside our province, the Quebec Government has approved the Labour Mobility Agreement, This means if you have a **valid** teaching license in any other province all you need to do is get a background check and write and pass the language test and you will receive Brevet!

## • NEW TEACHERS DINNER

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We hosted a New Teachers Dinner at La Casa Greque on October 5th and a great time was had by all!!!

I'd like to thank Terri Ann Pine and the Union Renewal Committee for their hard work in making this evening a success!

## • PIC PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

### PIC – Professional Improvement Committee

This year ALL teachers, full-time and part-time, have full access to a maximum of \$1,400.00 for professional improvement. All forms are available on the Portal, be sure to follow all procedures, starting with sending in a request with the program, not just the website and finishing with all completed forms and receipts, even for school visits.

- SCHOOL LEVEL SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

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By now, each school committee should have been formed and should have met before September 15th. It is made up of teachers, administrators, and support staff, but as much as support staff's input is important, THEY DO NOT HAVE, a vote in the decision making. This year there are new forms to be filled out to ask for more support where needed. Be sure to ask your administration for these forms, and they should be on the Portal also.

- NEPOTISM

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The board has issued a draft policy on nepotism for consultation. The consultation period ends November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. If you would like to be heard, you can reply to Denise Paulson at the board, or send your comments to the Union Office, and we will pass your concerns on.

## DELEGATES WORKSHOP

Our Delegates Workshop is back at the Manoir des Sables in Magog November 5th-6th. There are still spots available and it is open to all delegates and their alternates, looking forward to seeing you all there!

- MCGILL SEMINARS

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The Annual list of seminars for teachers should be in your schools. If not, speak with your administrators or go to [www.mcgill.ca](http://www.mcgill.ca) or call 514-398-6961

Steven Le Sueur  
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