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## 2009-2010 Unit Executive

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Secretary     Chris Gardner  
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Vaillancourt, Todd Bosak, Tamara  
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## Project Overseas

Assist teachers in a developing country during the summer. Administrative, travel and living expenses are covered. Applications due by Nov. 1. More info. at [www.oecta.on.ca](http://www.oecta.on.ca)

## Issues With Respect to H1N1

The following issues, among others, still need to be addressed with the Board:

1. School board has adopted policies and procedures dealing with the issue of H1N1 influenza.
2. School board has allocated sufficient resources to deal with the influenza issue- additional maintenance, education, inspection, communications and administration.
3. Students are educated on an on-going basis as to the virus and the steps that they must take to prevent the spread of the influenza both at school and at home.
4. Additional facility cleaning is provided with a focus on high touch/high traffic areas.
5. Every classroom has a supply of alcohol-based hand rub and students are encouraged to use it. Classrooms with hand washing stations shall have adequate supplies of soap and paper towels. Signs are posted for proper hand washing procedure.
6. Staff and students are encouraged to practice hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette frequently.
8. Tissues are made available to every classroom and to every teacher.
9. Students are encouraged to exercise hand hygiene before eating, after sneezing/coughing and routinely after touching objects that are sources of high transmission of influenza.
10. Students who develop influenza-like illness are separated from others and provided masks.
11. Precautions are in place for pregnant women and individuals with pre-existing chronic disease or for other reasons have compromised immune system.

## Unit Reminders

1. Teachers who wish to receive \$50 for taking an AQ course are to submit proof of enrolment to Peter Corbett at O’Gorman High School.
2. Teachers who wish to have professional development financial support up to \$200 are to send request in writing to Peter Corbett. These requests must be approved by the executive prior to being granted.

## OECTA AGM Meeting

Why? Approve the 2009-2010 budget

Where? O’Gorman High School

When? Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 1:00 pm

Who? Regular teachers

Travel covered as per policies of Northeastern Unit.

## October/November Calendar

Oct. 9 Application for vacant executive position

Oct. 13,14 Louis, DonnaMaria and Peter in Sudbury for Collective Bargaining

Oct. 19 Pam, Louis and Dana at Professional Development meeting

Oct. 24 Executive Meeting at 10:00 am, Public meeting at 1:00 pm

Oct. 24 Board Meeting 10:00 am

Oct. 30 Louis in Sudbury for FACE (Friends and Advocates for Catholic Education)

Nov. 2 Louis at O’Gorman High for Co-op Presentations

Nov. 4 Louis and Chris in Toronto for Political Action

Nov. 5, 6 Louis, Renee and Chris in Toronto for Council of Presidents

## Required

An executive position for Cochrane-Iroquois Falls is vacant. Applications will be received until Friday, Oct. 9. Please contact Louis by email, phone or fax if you are interested.

## OECTA’s Annual Conference for Beginning Teachers at Toronto Airport Hilton Feb. 18-20, 2010

For Teachers under 5 years exper.

Guest speakers: Damian Cooper, expert in student assessment and Lesley Andrew, motivational speaker