

# FAXAGENDA

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## OECTA and Toronto Board arbitration begins in July

*Arbitration between OECTA and the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is scheduled for July 17, 18, 21 and 22. Both parties agreed to appoint Honourable George W. Adams, QC. The following is an update of the status of negotiations since the back-to-work legislation. FaxAgendas containing the details of events in June were sent to schools on the dates noted below and can be found on OECTA's website at [www.oecta.on.ca/units/torontoelem.htm](http://www.oecta.on.ca/units/torontoelem.htm)*

**June 4** – Bill 28, back-to-work legislation ends the lockout of TECT members by the Board. Teachers return to work. Seven-day period for OECTA and the Board to agree on a mediator begins.

**June 6** – Board provides OECTA with guidelines regarding school activities, including implementation of EQAO tests, reports cards, running records, teacher evaluations and local priorities.

**June 10** – OECTA and Toronto Board agree to work with mediator/arbitrator Honourable George W. Adams, QC. His role is to hear both points of view and then to arbitrate a binding decision. OECTA, the Board and Mr. Adams must meet within 30 days, and the award must be determined within 90 days of Mr. Adams' appointment.

OECTA and the Board agreed upon a schedule of resolved and unsettled items.

Resolved items will be part of the new collective agreement for 2002-2004. The schedule of unsettled items will be referred to the arbitrator.

**July 11** – Deadline for OECTA and the Board to submit all briefs relevant to Mr. Adams..

**July 17, 18, 21, 22** – Four days during which OECTA, the Board and Mr. Adams will work toward a new collective agreement. The decision of the arbitrator is final and binding on the parties.

**September 10** – Deadline for Mr. Adams to award a decision.

The OECTA website ([www.oecta.on.ca](http://www.oecta.on.ca)) will be updated to provide details to members as they become available, including the full award determined by Mr. Adams.