

# South Okanagan Similkameen Teachers' Union



## Around the District

Teacher Postings should be out by the last week in April; if you want to change positions (schools) or increase FTE, you must apply.

The CEF (Classroom Enhancement Fund) continues to support non-enrolling positions to help with complexities in classroom. CEF funds meet our contract demands and allow the employer to double the number of positions. Ex) LS teachers: contract language states 5 FTE and employer staffs 10 FTE \*\* Next year this will continue.

Student enrollment in the district is slightly down for next year.

TTOCs do not have to complete the Cyber Security training. The employer does not want to compensate for the time required to complete; hence, it is voluntary. TTOCs will not have access to their SD email account until inside a school site. Callout system is not affected.

We have a number of retirements thus far. If considering this option, please make sure the pension plan/employer has received your paperwork more than 30 days before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Why?

- You do not want to miss your July and August pension cheques.

SOSTU will be seeking your input regarding reporting on Spaces. A survey will be sent to your private email.

We are requesting feedback on a number of aspects: expectation creep, time allotment, usefulness, points of contact, school expectation and more.

This feedback will be presented to the Superintendent.

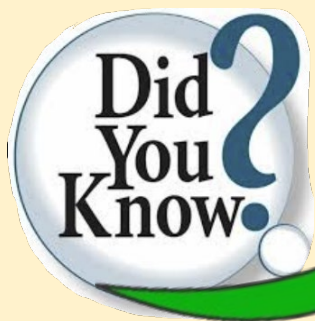
## CRC Requirements for Certificate Holders

The *Criminal Records Review Act* requires all certificate holders to undergo a criminal record check (CRC) every 5 years.

Certificate holders can authorize the CRC inside your account. The ministry forwards the authorizations to the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) for processing.

**Effective April 1, 2025, the CRRP will not accept any authorizations that don't include a certificate holder's email address.** To avoid delays in the process, please encourage your certificate holders to log in to [Your Account](#) to ensure all of their contact information is accurate.

Account Link is at the bottom of the email.



## **SOSTU President Nominations Open**

- **SOSTU must elect its president in April before the remaining executive positions are filled, as per the SOSTU constitution**
- If interested, a nomination form for the position of president is attached and must be submitted to [sostu@telus.net](mailto:sostu@telus.net) by Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for nominations for the position of SOSTU President. There will be 3 calls (emails) for nominations over the 2 weeks.**
- **It is also posted on the SOSTU website.**
- Nominations will close at the end of the day on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- If necessary, an election would follow and be conducted before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- I will let my name stand for SOSTU President for next year (2025-2026)

\* Other SOSTU positions will be determined by / at May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 AGM