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## Memorandum

То:	STS Chapter Presidents
For Information:	STS Executive Members
From:	Murray Wall
Date:	February 14, 2024

## **RE: Advocacy Request and Updates**

Chapter Presidents are requested to forward this memo through their email networks to their members.

One of the Aims of the STS is to be involved in Advocacy regarding both the collective interests of members and older adults as well regarding public education. As such, we're asking that STS members add their voice to the following two advocacy initiatives at the provincial and national level.

 Within our province, the collective bargaining efforts of our actively teaching colleagues towards securing a new collective agreement has been difficult. Retired teachers can have a helpful impact in the process by signing up and participating in the STF's "Tell Them Tuesday" (<u>Tell Them Tuesday</u>) which will provide information, messaging and helpful links to utilize your voice in support of active teachers.

Members are reminded that during STF sanctions they should not be backfilling duties in schools that are typically done by teachers during approved sanctions. This might include supervision or teaching duties that are normally performed by teachers.

 Our national voice of retired teachers (ACER-CART) is also involved in advocacy at the national level. One of the current priorities of ACER-CART is to advocate for a national, universal Pharmacare program. A letter from our ACER-CART president, Bill Berryman, is found here: <u>ACER-CART Message from the President - ACER-CART</u>.

ACER-CART is also asking that individuals become involved in Pharmacare advocacy through a letter-writing campaign by utilizing the easy to use New Mode software licensed by ACER-CART. A link to this letter writing campaign with instructions is found here: <u>ACER-CART</u> <u>National Pharmacare - ACER-CART</u>. **ACER-CART asks that this be completed by March 1, 2024**.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters!