



## **UNITED DAYS OF GIVING - Questions and Answers about this year's campaign**

### **Why is the campaign format changing?**

This year's United Way campaign is underway and we are pleased to be using epledge to collect donations.

### **What are the campaign dates?**

The campaign runs from November 1st to December 2, 2016.

### **What is Epledge?**

Epledge is an online donation tool that allows donors quick and easy access to giving in a way that is more secure, provides donors with privacy, and access to their donor history. It also reduces the need for distribution and collection of paper forms and for weekly reporting by schools.

### **How does payroll donation work?**

When you contribute via payroll donation, your donation is automatically deducted from your pay cheque. You can arrange for a one-time donation or a donation every pay period. Many people don't realize that when you use payroll donation from pre-tax dollars. This year, payroll donations will be done over 26 pays instead of 20 pays for 12 month employees. When you are on the epledge site, complete the box for 20 pays or 26 pays depending on whether you are a 10 month or 12 month employee.

### **Is the epledge site secure?**

Yes. The site is secure and your account is password protected.

### **How do I access epledge?**

You will receive an email message which contains a link – simply click on the link and follow the steps. If you prefer, you can access the site directly at <https://uwco.ca/ocdsb> and enter your work email address in the space provided and follow the steps to make your pledge.

### **What if I forgot my password?**

You can login with your OCDSB email address. If you have forgotten your password, simply hit the reset password button and follow the steps.

### **What if I would prefer to use a paper form?**

A paper form can be downloaded from the OCDSB website, but must be returned through the Board courier by December 2 to ensure timely inputting for payroll purposes. It is asked that employees sending a paper form email Cynthia Donkers when it is sent, for tracking purposes.

### **Can I still give to the Education Foundation or direct my donation to a specific charity?**

Yes. You can still give to the Education Foundation through your United Way campaign pledge. You have the same flexibility with epledge as you had with the paper form. This way is just faster and easier!

### **What is the campaign goal?**

The goal for our 2016 campaign is to make a positive impact on 1,000 lives in our community. A donation of \$10.63 per pay for 26 pays (\$13.82 per pay for 20 pays) is all it takes to impact one life. Donations can be directed to registered charities, including our own Education Foundation.



**Can my school hold United Way events?**

Yes, the United Way is a great opportunity for student learning. If you hold United Way events and generate funds, please use the United Way envelope to return money raised. Please return the envelope to Cynthia Donkers on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

More questions? Please direct them to [cynthia.donkers@ocdsb.ca](mailto:cynthia.donkers@ocdsb.ca) or [michele.giroux@ocdsb.ca](mailto:michele.giroux@ocdsb.ca)