

## Question #2:

- Does OCTE really represent elementary Science and Technology educators or is it a secondary organization?
- What things has the Elementary Committee been working on?

Welcome to a new age of technology education. OCTE, the Ontario Council for Technology Education, represents the teachers of technology throughout the heart of Canada: the province of Ontario. OCTE was formed to represent broad-based technology teachers (9-12), Science and Technology (1-8), computer technology teachers (9-12) and apprenticeship programs in Ontario. Our mission is to foster co-operation between education interest groups, industry, the Ontario College of Teachers, the teacher federations and all levels of government to ensure **all students have opportunities to participate in strong, consistent, accountable and sustainable technological education.**

The Elementary Committee has been working on many initiatives over the past two years and continues to do so. These would include:

- developing new resources,
- working on the review and writing of the revised Science and Technology curriculum
- working as members of the Ministry of Education regional Science and Technology curriculum implementation training sessions (including providing presentations and resources)
- investigating and advocating for additional and stronger qualification pathways for Science and Technology teacher upgrading (including as a member of the work team revising the OCT AQ Guidelines for Science and Technology),
- providing teacher support such as ,
  - lobbying for funding for elementary technology education,
  - developing conferences and workshops,
  - publishing newsletters and magazines,
  - redesigning the website

Please consider joining us in our mandate to promote and improve technology education for the students of Ontario. There are many tasks to be done. We could use your help. If you are interested in sharing your expertise with other teachers just like you, please contact any member of the

Elementary Committee. Remember, our organization can only be as strong as its members.

This will be another big year for Ontario's Science and Technology educators. We hope you can join us for the important work ahead.



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