

# Today is National Principal's Day



The Ontario Principals' Council (OPC) represents 5,400 principals and vice-principals in 31 public English district school boards across the province. Principals are involved in every aspect of what happens in a school, and are critical to the success of our public education system.

## Why are principals and vice-principals so important in schools?

According to research,

- We directly influence student learning outcomes, promoting academic success.<sup>1</sup>
- Our leadership significantly impacts high school graduation rates and provincial assessments.<sup>2</sup>
- We influence all students in a school, with the average principal affecting 483 students.<sup>3</sup>
- Engaging in equity-focussed leadership, we improve outcomes for marginalized students.<sup>4</sup>



## Thank you

to all our Members for your dedication, passion, commitment, resilience and diligence. You make a difference every day for all our students!

## What do Ontario principals say about their jobs?



I lead in the face of complexity, resistance or intolerance to ensure belonging and ethical decision making.

I ensure that our school's literacy curriculum includes texts that reflect our students' diverse backgrounds, experiences and cultures.

Every decision is guided by my commitment to student success.

I am committed to building genuine relationships and setting high expectations for all students.

This is the best job in the world, and I am so lucky to be able to do it!



<sup>1</sup> Lee, M., Walker, A., & Riordan, G., (2021)

<sup>2</sup> Coelli, M., & Green, D., (2012)

<sup>3</sup> Grissom, J. A., Egalite, A. J., & Lindsay, C. A. (2021)

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