

# National Principal's Day

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On **May 1** we celebrate, acknowledge and thank the principals and vice-principals who lead our schools every day. These front-line leaders are responsible for ensuring our students have access to learning opportunities to help them be successful. We are proud to be key partners in Ontario's world-class public education system.



**Gerry Smith** – Principal  
Sir William Osler Elementary  
Hamilton-Wentworth DSB



**Hillary Freeburn** – System Principal  
Superior-Greenstone DSB



**Lisa MacDonald** – Principal  
Lakeroad Public School  
Lambton Kent DSB



**Taryn Vachon** – Vice-principal  
Red Lake District High School  
Keewatin-Patricia DSB



**Trent Carter-Edwards** – Principal  
Seaway District High School  
Upper Canada DSB



**Rasha Balche** – Vice-principal  
Irma Coulson Public School  
Halton DSB



**Patsy Agard** – Principal  
Lisgar Collegiate Institute  
Ottawa-Carleton DSB



**Barry Promane** – Vice-principal  
Stratford District SS  
Avon Maitland DSB



**Valerie Dumoulin** – Principal  
École Secondaire Cochrane High School  
DSB Ontario North East



**Jen Currie** – Principal  
Prince of Wales Public School  
DSB Niagara



**Courtney Chartrand** – Vice-principal  
Adam Scott CVI  
Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB



**Lisa Edwards** – Principal  
Central Technical School  
Toronto DSB



**Lorne Gretsinger** – Principal  
Oakridge Public School  
DSB Niagara



**Sooky Crljen** – Principal  
Wedgewood Junior Public School  
Toronto DSB



**Seema Guram** – Principal  
Glen Ogilvie Public School  
Ottawa-Carleton DSB



**Alexandra Milak** – Vice-principal  
Cundles Heights Public School  
Simcoe County DSB

Research has shown that,  
“...investing in the principal is likely the most efficient way to affect student achievement.”

The Wallace Foundation (February 2021)  
*How Principals Affect Students and Schools:  
A systematic synthesis of two decades of research*

## Did you know?

**Principals and vice-principals**

Have at least one university degree and a teaching certificate

Were successful classroom teachers for at least 5 years

Completed a 310-hour Principal's Qualification Program (in-class courses and in-school practicum)

The Ontario Principals' Council (OPC) is the professional association representing 5,400 elementary and secondary principals and vice-principals in 31 public school boards and 2,800 public schools across Ontario. We are extremely proud of the work of our Members, and want to especially thank them and acknowledge the extraordinary work, commitment, dedication, professionalism and flexibility they have shown over the past year, keeping students and staff engaged and learning during this very challenging pandemic.

