

President's Message

April 8, 2019

International Confederation of Principals Convention

We are excited to be hosting the 15th Biennial ICP Convention [August 16-19, 2021!](#) Previously, we hosted the 2011 ICP Convention in [Toronto](#), attracting over 2000 participants, including almost 25% of our membership, and administrators from 40 countries. This unique event will provide opportunities for school and system leaders to network, collaborate and share practice that will enhance outcomes for students. We look forward to bringing together leaders from across Ontario, including our CPCO and ADFO partners, and from around the world. For those of you who are advance planners, we are setting up an [early, domestic registration site](#) to accommodate anyone who would like to use their available professional development funds now.

Over the next year, we'll be selecting speakers and presenters for plenary and workshop sessions. During the conference, we will be offering free livestreaming of some of the sessions for those who are unable to join us in person. [Check our site](#) regularly for updates.

Term Membership

If you are retiring but are planning to work after retirement on a short-term assignment, we encourage you to become a Term Member. Term memberships are available to retired P/VPs who are former OPC Members, who plan to work in retirement as a supply/term administrator. If you will be working for fewer than 50 days, you'll pay half of the regular OPC Membership fee. If you'll be working for more than 50 days, you'll pay full membership fees.

If you plan to continue to work in school administration, becoming an OPC Term Member is extremely important. It will give you access to legal and professional advice and services from our Protective Services Team. Maintaining Associate status **will not** give you access to PST services, should you need any assistance in your work as a supply/term administrator. [Learn more](#) about Term membership.

Twitter Chat

Our next chat will take place this **Thursday April 11 from 8:00 – 9:00 pm EST** to discuss supporting your staff from probation to retirement. To take part, sign in to Twitter (or join if you do not currently have an account) at 8 pm on Thursday, enter #OPCchat in the Search Twitter box in the upper right corner, the questions and instructions will be set up. You can then introduce yourself once the moderator opens the chat. Remember to always include #OPCchat with your comments. We hope you can join us!

Media

[Memo to Directors outlines 3,475 teaching positions to be cut](#)

[Minister says there will be no job losses](#)

[Few students currently enrolled in e-learning courses](#)

[Students stage province-wide protest](#)

[Ontario university adds coding to its teacher training program](#)

[How to improve education – move the classroom outdoors](#)

[What principals need to lead inclusive schools](#)

[School boards warn that class size changes will lead to fewer electives](#)

[Government considering mandatory annual math test for all teachers](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House about [consulting with students on online classes](#), [services for Indigenous youth](#), [call for full funding for autism services](#), [student walkout](#), [teacher layoff notices](#), [letter to Minister from Peel DSB](#), [participation in student walkout](#), [education cuts](#) and [expectations of teacher unions](#).

Bill 48, [*An Act to amend various Acts in relation to education and child care*](#), passed Third Reading last week and received Royal Assent. Last fall we provided Members with a [summary of the bill](#). We are reviewing the final language to see if there are any updates that will affect you.