

# President's Message

## February 25, 2019

### Seeking a Director of Professional Learning

We are currently seeking our next [Director of Professional Learning](#) to build on and extend our reputation for the development and delivery of relevant, responsive professional learning for principals and vice-principals in Ontario, Canada and around the world.

The Director of Professional Learning will rely on their deep lead learner experience and business savvy to focus on leadership excellence in support of student achievement; be a vital part of our Senior Staff; lead and inspire the professional learning staff team; liaise with school boards to promote a continuum of professional learning and leadership development; and identify, procure and/or develop current research and effective tools related to serving all students.

Application packages must be received by **4:30 pm EST on Friday March 15, 2019**. Applicants being considered for interviews must be available on **Tuesday April 16, 2019**. Please direct any questions to Judith Peden at [jpeden@principals.ca](mailto:jpeden@principals.ca).

### Membership and Group Benefits Application Forms Due

All newly appointed administrators must submit their OPC membership application forms within 60 calendar days of their appointment or risk loss of historical legal coverage for any employment-related event or circumstance that arose or occurred prior to becoming a Member.

Members in boards\* participating in our OPC Benefits plan must also submit their Group Benefits application forms for Long Term Disability Insurance (LTDI) within 60 calendar days. Enrolment will be completed upon receipt of the application forms and premium will be retroactive to the date of appointment.

Medical evidence of insurability and Insurer's approval will be required if the application forms are received after 60 days. Members who did not have LTDI coverage up to their date of appointment must submit medical evidence.

For more information, please call 416-322-6600 or 1-800-701-2362 or email [membership@principals.ca](mailto:membership@principals.ca) or [opcbenefits@principals.ca](mailto:opcbenefits@principals.ca).

\*Boards participating in the OPC Benefits Plan include Algoma, Bluewater, Durham, Grand Erie, Greater Essex, Halton, Hamilton- Wentworth, Lambton Kent, Near North, Niagara, Ottawa-Carlton, Peel, Rainy River, Renfrew, Simcoe, Toronto, Trillium Lakelands, Upper Canada, Upper Grand, Waterloo Region and York.

## **The Learning Exchange**

[The Learning Exchange](#) (TLX) is pleased to share educational tools and research-based resources from the Ontario curriculum. Its mission is to provide rich research-based educational tools focused on advancing student achievement with resources developed by educators for educators. TLX hosts professional learning video content developed by Ontario's Ministry of Education that is designed to support and improve the practice of classroom educators, coaches, consultants, and school system leaders. This is a collaborative space to connect with educators from around the world, hear the latest research from experts and see practice in action.

## **Media**

[New autism policy will overwhelm schools](#)

[Government considering merging school boards](#)

[Fears raised over impact of tinkering with student fees](#)

[Ottawa should crack down on vaping ads targeted at kids](#)

[Supreme Court rules girls deserve privacy at school](#)

[Shortage prompts school boards to keep standards low for French teachers](#)

[Government turns Chair of EQAO into full-time job](#)

[Repeal of HPE materials also removed mention of concussions](#)

## **Queen's Park**

The House has resumed sitting. There were questions last week about [autism treatment](#), [changes to OSAP](#), and [postsecondary tuition increases](#).