

# President's Message

## February 4, 2019

### Provincial Council Meeting

Our Provincial Council will be meeting later this week. We will be devoting some of this meeting to our submissions on the ministry's [Hiring Practices](#) and [Class Size](#) consultations. If you have any questions, comments or input you would like considered by Council, please communicate with your local Councillor by Wednesday February 6.

### New to the Administrator Role?

The [New Administrator Seminar](#) is an event supported by the Institute for Education Leaders and the three Principals' Associations that is available to newly appointed vice-principals/principals (appointed since December 2017). Learn key information that will support you in your new role and meet other colleagues who will become part of your professional learning community. This year's event will be held in Toronto on February 12-13. If you are unable to make the event, or have colleagues who may be interested in the event materials, they will be made available on our website after the seminar. Please check back on the OPC website upon conclusion of the event.

### Outstanding Principals

Congratulations to the 8 OPC Members who have been selected by the Learning Partnership as one of [Canada's Outstanding Principals](#) for 2019. They will take part in a four-day executive leadership training program at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management later this month.

Robin Dashnay (Simcoe)  
Georgia Gallagher (Toronto)  
Harpreet Ghuman (Toronto)  
Paul Haines (Durham)  
Laurie Reid (Halton)  
Jim Tayler (Ottawa-Carleton)  
Jay Wolkoff (York)  
Scott Woolford (Toronto)

### Understanding Privacy Issues

In this era of rapidly changing technology, maintaining responsible stewardship of students' personal information is crucial. The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario has produced [A Guide to Privacy and Access to Information in Ontario Schools](#). The guide describes the obligations and rights that school boards, principals and teachers have under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. There are also a series of fact sheets on topics such as [protecting students' privacy online](#), [privacy in the school](#) and [privacy and access to information in Ontario's schools](#).

## **Media**

[Advocates call on government to curb exclusions](#)

**Note** – we were contacted about this news conference and sent [this response](#) to the Globe and Mail

[Minister warned of impact of HPE rollback, tribunal told](#)

[Youth voters can shift political landscape if they turn out](#)

[Future of full-day kindergarten up in the air](#)

[Ford shouldn't mess with success of FDK](#)

[Parents say talking to their kids about cannabis has changed post-legalization](#)

[Why larger class sizes can hurt kids](#)

[Removing class size caps a failure of education and economics](#)

[Screen time linked to early delays in young children](#)

## **Queen's Park**

The House is in recess until February 19.