

# President's Message

## January 7, 2019

### Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had some time to sleep, eat, refresh and recharge.

### Twitter Chat

As we begin a new year, we will be continuing our monthly Twitter chats. Our next chat will take place this **Thursday January 10 from 8:00 – 9:00 pm EST** to discuss Indigenous Education: Teaching in a Good Way.

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!

### Professional Learning Opportunity

Start your new year off right with a commitment to prioritizing your own professional learning. We will be offering a series of [five free webinars](#) designed to support a range of leadership challenges that school administrators encounter including supporting multiple pathways to student success, protection from harassment complaints, principal as mentor and coach, special education challenges and leading and learning in a digital world. Each of the one-hour webinars will be led by educators with subject-matter expertise. These sessions will provide you with an opportunity to discuss best practices, share strategies and gain knowledge that will support your daily leadership role.

### Strategic Plan Survey

Thank you to the more than 1,000 Members who took the time to provide feedback for our Strategic Plan survey. The results are currently being analyzed and will be shared with Provincial Council at our meeting in February. We'll then use that input to inform our decisions about how to implement our strategic priorities.

### Media

[Ontario education consultations collected 72,000 submissions](#)

[Feeling fidgety in class? Stomp, jump or hop](#)

[School caretaker surprised by appreciation assembly](#)

[Free speech policies now in effect at Ontario colleges and universities](#)

[Free prescriptions for children and young adults to end in March](#)

[New distracted driving rules took effect January 1](#)

Queen's Park

The House is now in recess until February.