

President's Message

May 27, 2019

Strategic Plan

The third priority of our [2019-2022 Strategic Plan](#) is Professional Learning. You told us that you want leading edge, responsive professional learning that is actionable and practical; ground-breaking education leadership research; and system leadership training worldwide.

We've already set some specific objectives and short-term actions and have developed a [one-page information sheet](#) to highlight this priority.

New PST Consultant

We are pleased to announce that Vicki (Vick) Shannon, a Principal from Lakehead DSB, will be joining our staff as a Protective Services Consultant effective August 12. Vick has been an administrator for 24 years in northern Ontario, has worked in both panels, is bilingual and has experience with Indigenous education. She spent six years as the P/VP representative on the Ontario College of Teachers Council and served on the Discipline and Fitness to Practice committees at the College, which provided her with detailed and unique insight into the challenges and issues faced by our Members. We are confident that the addition of Vick will result in more service and advocacy for all our Members. Thank you to the many individuals who put their name forward for this position – the applicants were very impressive in their qualifications, experience and engagement.

Important Notice to Retiring OPC Members

If you are retiring this year, please email membership@principals.ca with your retirement date so we can record your employment status change. It is your responsibility to do this as your school board does not provide that information. If you have LTD insurance through the OPC, you are not eligible to maintain the coverage after you retire. We need a completed [Application to Terminate Insurance Coverage](#) form (page 1) to terminate your coverage and stop premium payments. Premiums are non-refundable. If LTD is a condition of employment, proof of retirement will be required prior to termination.

If you have optional insurances (life, accidental death and dismemberment), and wish to maintain or terminate them after retirement, please complete page 2 of the [Application to Terminate Insurance Coverage](#) form. You will need to become an [Associate](#) to maintain coverage. Optional coverage can be maintained up to age 70 if you maintain an active Associate status.

You can access your benefits profile from the “My Profile” link at the top right corner of our [website](#) once you are logged in. If you have forgotten your password or OPC number, follow the “[Forgot Password](#)” link to have the system resend your credentials. For additional information, please contact OPC Benefits at opcbenefits@principals.ca.

Media

[For some students, online classes are no replacement for teachers](#)

[Educators offered protective gear to protect against violent students](#)

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Queen’s Park

The House did not sit last week.