

# President's Message

## November 19, 2018

### Annual Report Online

We have posted our [2017-18 Annual Report](#) online on the Member side of our website. The Report outlines key activities over the past year, highlights of department services and financial updates. We encourage you to review it.

### Seeking New ONE-T Employee Trustee

The 3 provincial principal associations will, following a formal selection process, be jointly choosing a new Trustee representative for our provincial life and health benefits provider. The ONE-T Board is made up of nine Trustees, four employer representatives from the government/school boards and five employee representatives (including the Chair) from the non-union employees. The Board is responsible for managing ONE-T, including making a broad range of administrative and investment decisions. For more information about this opportunity and the related selection process, [click here](#).

### Open Enrolment for Members Without LTD Coverage

Have you previously been denied LTD coverage? Did you miss the initial 60-day window after your appointment to a P/VP position to apply for LTD coverage? Is LTD coverage a condition of employment (check your T&C agreement) but you are not currently covered for any reason?

In September, our Benefits Plan was transferred from Manulife Financial to Great-West Life. With this transfer, we were able to negotiate an open enrolment for Members who do not currently have LTD coverage under the OPC Benefits plan and would not otherwise be eligible for coverage. The deadline to apply is **November 30, 2018**. Once you are enrolled, premiums will be retroactive to September 1, 2018, the start of our policy contract with Great-West Life.

### 2019 GoodLife Fitness Membership

As a benefit of membership, we will once again offer a reduced membership to GoodLife Fitness Clubs for 2019. It is available to all Members, Associates, Terms and eligible family members (up to a maximum of 4). The rate for membership is \$485.90 (including HST) for 12 months.

If you are interested in joining GoodLife Fitness or wish to continue your current membership, please submit the [2019 registration form](#) along with your payment of \$485.90 to the OPC no later than **December 11th**. You must use a separate [family registration form](#) when registering family members.

If you miss the December 11th deadline, you may sign up for pro-rated membership throughout the year. Please contact [membership@principals.ca](mailto:membership@principals.ca) or see the [discount page](#) on the OPC website for further information.

## **Media**

[Teacher schooling educators on the value of inclusive classrooms](#)

[Students fight for equal minimum wage](#)

[Spending cuts loom large for educators](#)

[Student census reveals higher stress levels and greater sense of disconnect](#)

[For the sake of kids, embrace math](#)

[Government breaks promise to keep cannabis stores away from schools](#)

[Ontario PCs adopt resolution to debate “gender identity theory”](#)

## **Queen’s Park**

There were questions in the House last week about [funding for autism services](#), [service animals in schools](#), [proposed cuts to education](#), [elimination of the Child Advocate’s Office](#) and [mental health services](#).

Bill 48, the Safe and Supportive Classrooms Act, was in Second Reading debate on [November 12](#), [November 13](#), and [November 14](#). The bill remains in Second Reading.

The Finance Minister also delivered the [fall economic statement](#) – a kind of mini budget – last week.

Kathleen Wynne (L) introduced Bill 56, the [Keeping Students Safe on School Buses Act](#), that would make it mandatory to have three-point seat belts installed and used on all new school buses by 2020 and on all school buses by 2025.