

# President's Message

## October 1, 2018

### **AGM Notice**

[The Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Principals' Council](#) will be held in the Willow Room West, Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto, starting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2018. The AGM will take place immediately prior to our Provincial Council meeting, and both will be attended by Provincial Councillors representing all OPC Districts. We recognize that the timing of the AGM will make it difficult for individual OPC Members to attend. As a result, we will be video recording the meeting and will make it available to all Members the following week on our website.

### **Ministry Announces Public Consultation**

The Ministry has announced the [process for the public consultation](#) on Ontario's education system. It will seek feedback on improving performance in STEM, preparing students with jobs skills, improving standardized testing, providing life skills such as financial literacy, managing technology in the classroom (including cell phones), an age-appropriate HPE curriculum and developing a Parents' Bill of Rights.

To participate, you can fill in a [submission form](#), take part in an online survey (not yet available) or participate in a telephone town hall (not yet finalized). Any P/VP can participate personally or with their school community. We will also be participating as a provincial organization and will keep you up-to-date on that process. The closing date for consultations is December 15, 2018.

### **Remedy Payments Underway**

We are pleased to confirm that boards are now actively distributing the remedy payment to those who were in the principal or vice-principal role for all or part of the 2012-2013 and/or 2013-14 school years, so long as they are eligible for the payment pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement that OPC, CPCO and ADFO entered into with the Crown on April 13, 2018. The provincial list of eligible recipients and their respective share has now been finalized. Those entitled to a full share will receive \$1,182.11; those entitled to a partial share will receive a pro rata amount. All payments are to be made on or before October 4, 2018. You may find it helpful to refer to the [Q & A document](#) we prepared in the spring explaining the remedy payment and eligibility principles.

### **We're looking for a Professional Learning Specialist**

The OPC is looking for a Professional Learning Specialist on a part-time basis (60 days/year) to work as part of our professional learning team to design and present workshops, resources and webinars related to leadership development programs; liaise with school boards to promote professional learning opportunities; liaise with

stakeholder partners to ensure course work reflects current realities in schools; highlight and share best practice throughout Ontario related to OPC programming; and provide current research and effective tools related to serving all students including students at risk. Applications will be accepted until October 15 with a start date of Monday November 19. For more details, [click here](#).

## **Media**

[Transgender students file human rights claim against province over HPE Curriculum](#)

[Rainbow DSB hosts summit for mental health](#)

[Prescriptions for stimulants rising for teen boys](#)

[New program from MADD educates students about impaired driving](#)

[Youth who died in child welfare system lacked mental health support](#)

[Student suspension for smelling of pot – what ahead for schools?](#)

[Province launches education consultations](#)

[Child poverty plagues every corner of Toronto](#)

[Smoking pot puts youth at higher risk of psychosis](#)

[Too much screen time, too little play](#)

## **Queen's Park**

There were questions in the House last week about [Indigenous children's suicide rates](#), [potential cuts to education](#), [cancellation of training for Truth and Reconciliation curriculum](#), [private vs not-for-profit daycare options](#), [child and youth deaths in residential placements](#) and [government plans for charter/voucher schools](#).