

President's Message

October 15, 2018

Provincial Council Meets This Week

Our Provincial Council will be meeting later this week for our first meeting of the year, beginning with our AGM which will be recorded and posted on our website for your review. We'll also be joined by Local OPC Chairs and Presidents during our meeting on Friday and Saturday to work on items including our strategic plan, discussing violent incidents in schools and how they impact P/VPs, a new mental health resource initiative for Members and our vision for our Professional Learning. If you have any questions or concerns to share, please contact your Provincial Councillor or Local Chair/President before Wednesday.

Membership and Benefits Forms Due

If you are a newly appointed administrator, you must submit your OPC membership application forms within 60 calendar days of your appointment. If your appointment date was September 1, you must submit your application to our Membership Services by **October 31**. If you do not apply within 60 days, you will lose your historical legal coverage for any employment-related event or circumstance that arose or occurred prior to becoming an OPC Member.

Members in boards* participating in the OPC Benefits plan must also submit their Group Benefits application forms for Long Term Disability Insurance (LTDI) to us by **October 31, 2018**. Enrolment will be completed upon receipt of the original application forms and premiums will be retroactive to the date of appointment.

Medical evidence of insurability and Insurer's approval will be required if the application forms are received after October 31, 2018. Members who did not have LTDI coverage up to their date of appointment must submit medical evidence.

For more information, please contact us at 416-322-6600, 1-800-701-2362, membership@principals.ca or opcbenefits@principals.ca.

*Boards participating in the OPC Benefits Plan include Algoma, Bluewater, Grand Erie, Greater Essex, Halton, Hamilton- Wentworth, Lambton Kent, Near North, Niagara, Ottawa-Carlton, Peel, Rainy River, Renfrew, Simcoe, Toronto, Trillium Lakelands, Upper Canada, Upper Grand, Waterloo Region and York.

Canada's Outstanding Principals

The Learning Partnership is once again sponsoring the [Canada's Outstanding Principals](#) award. It is a national program that honours the unique and vital contribution of principals in publicly funded schools. Recipients attend a 4-day executive leadership training program at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management in February 2019. The deadline to nominate a principal is Monday October 29.

Media

[Ontario Human Rights Commission joining HPE legal challenge](#)

[Government launches cannabis public ad education campaign](#)

[Youth suicide in First Nations underscores "fourth world" conditions](#)

[28 First Nations join court case challenging HPE curriculum](#)

[Board report shows teachers taking more sick days](#)

[Researchers investigating stress, mental health and leaves among teachers](#)

[Teaching kids to be allies for disability inclusion](#)

Queen's Park

The House did not sit last week.