

President's Message

September 24, 2018

Information for Newly Appointed Administrators

If you are a new P/VP, congratulations on your recent promotion!

Benefits -- It is important to ensure that you are enrolled in the Long-Term Disability Insurance Plan specific to administrators in your board. For those in boards that participate in the OPC Group Benefits Plan*, you will need to complete an OPC Group Benefits application form **within 60 calendar days of your appointment** (the first day you are on the job). If you apply after 60 days or if you were not covered for LTDI up to the date of appointment, you will need to provide medical evidence of good health to the insurer. For more information on the OPC Benefits plan, please send an email to opcbenefits@principals.ca.

*Participating boards are 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.

OPC Membership - New appointees must become Members of the OPC **within 60 calendar days** of commencing employment as a P/VP to preserve historical legal coverage (Protective Services for matters that occurred while in the Ontario Teachers' Federation). If you have newly appointed administrators at your school who are not Members of the OPC, please have them complete a [membership application form](#) or send an email to membership@principals.ca.

OCT Seeking P/VPs for College Committees

The Ontario College of Teachers is seeking practising or recently retired principals and vice-principals to develop a roster from whom panelists may be chosen to sit on the Investigation and Discipline committees. These people will sit on screening panels or preside over hearings of alleged misconduct or incompetence of College members with experienced Committee members. It is a three-year term. Successful applicants will receive appropriate training.

If you are interested, please contact outreach@oct.ca for more details, or call 416-961-8800, ext 685. Applications are due by **September 30, 2018**.

Peer review is extremely important in self-governing bodies. It is something we fought hard to achieve. We hope that as practising or recently retired school leaders you will consider applying to serve your colleagues in this very important role.

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. For more details, [click here](#).

Media

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

[Students around world get We Day experience without leaving home](#)

[More than 5800 youth suicides across Canada signals mental health crisis](#)

[Thousands of high school students walk out to protest outdated HPE curriculum](#)

[Whichever method we use to teach math, make it fun](#)

[Are Ontario's youth ready for the future labour market?](#)

[Educating youth on mental health](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House last week about [funding for for-profit child care](#), [child poverty](#), [youth employment](#) and [student walk out to protest HPE curriculum](#).