

President's Message

January 17, 2022

National Principal's Day with Commander Chris Hadfield

To celebrate National Principal's Day, we have engaged Commander Chris Hadfield to provide a live virtual presentation on April 28 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT) that will be free to all principals and vice-principals. During this presentation, [*Preparing for the Unexpected: How to Manage Through Complexity and Change*](#), Hadfield will draw from his experiences and lessons learned during his 21 years in the astronaut corps to share the best strategies and tactics to help individuals, teams and leaders prepare for and meet the challenges of our rapidly changing world. Key topics include managing stress, leading under pressure, encouraging collaboration amongst diverse teams, redefining norms and more. [Registration](#) is now open.

Refocusing on Student Mental Health Webinar

As a leader, how do you build a Mentally Healthy School in Tier 1 (mental health promotion)? Join us for this free [60-minute webinar](#) on January 25 at 3:00 p.m. (EST), offered as part of our Supporting Student Mental Health Project, supported by School Mental Health Ontario. Administrators from across the province will share stories on how they are building a Mentally Healthy School.

Ministry Memos on Website

We want to remind you that all memos received from the ministry, including those related to school operations during the pandemic, are [posted on our website](#) and are available to Members. While your school board likely shares these memos as well, we want to make sure you have access to them as quickly as possible. You can [subscribe to this page](#) (button located under the Contact section) so you will be notified when new content is added to this page.

Media

- [Staff shortages may lead to last minute class cancellations](#) (OPC quoted)
- [Principals to report outbreaks when absenteeism reaches 30%](#)
- [Omicron spread highlighting divide between rich and poor](#)
- [Less Covid-19 reporting leaves staff and families worried](#)
[Staff, student absences are the challenge when school returns](#)
- [Thousands of students are no-shows after switch to remote learning](#)
[Range of emotions as students head back to class](#)
- [Cases may be peaking but school return will be a delicate operation](#)

Queen's Park

The House is in recess until February 22.