

# President's Message

June 20, 2022

## Search for New Executive Director

During our May Provincial Council meeting, Allyson Otten, our Executive Director, announced her retirement as of December 31, 2022. The OPC will be engaging in a search for a new ED, using the services of an external firm, beginning this week. We are expecting to have an announcement by our October Council meeting. The posting for the position will be available by July 15. Watch your email and our OPC Twitter account (@OPCouncil) for those details. We want to thank Allyson for her dedicated service, work and advocacy on behalf of the OPC!

## PST Advice on Documentation

As we approach the end of the school year, Members are reminded to ensure any documentation (written or electronic notes, emails, memos, texts, phone call records) is safely stored for retention following board guidelines regarding Personal Information Management (PIM). This documentation provides an evidentiary record as necessary of incidents, meetings, interactions, advice from board staff, and/or conversations that have taken place, and which may be required should any issue arise.

Members who are retiring are also advised to consider continued OPC membership based on their needs. While retired OPC Members may become [Associates](#) of the OPC, Associate status does not provide access to protective services support should you return to work as [term/supply administrators](#). Only a [Term membership](#) offers that level of service.

## Leading Forward Together Pre-Conference

### Free Registration Available!

OPC Members and Associates are invited to participate in a free [interactive afternoon](#) of reflective learning on **August 17 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** (EDT) at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto to learn from our keynote speaker, Lorretta Ross, who will share perspectives and experiences around a culture of “calling-in.” A portion of the negotiated Professional Development funds are being used to make this opportunity possible, as well as to subsidize a significant portion of the [Leading Forward Conference](#) on **August 18**. This full-day event creates opportunities for participants to learn and reflect on ideas and perspectives that will support the creation of anti-racist and anti-colonial environments.

## Thank You T&C Reps!

This has been a very busy year for our T&C reps, who have been working hard on your behalf during local negotiations, which will continue over the summer. We have taken a moment today to send a special thank you to those people.

## Media

- [How to help kids kick the pandemic slump](#)
- [Literacy assessment shows gap based on family income](#)
- [2 schools of thought on how children should learn to read](#)
- [OSSTF president wants negotiations to begin soon](#)
- [Boards set virtual learning plans in place for next school year](#)
- [Junteenth celebrations emphasize ending racial disparity](#)

### Articles requiring a paid subscription

- [Youngest learners hurting the most post-pandemic](#)
- [High school students to be trained on administering naloxone](#)

## Queen's Park

The House is not in session.