

President's Message

June 27, 2022

As my term as president comes to a close, I would like to thank our outstanding OPC Executive, Provincial Council and office staff for all of their support this year. It has been a true pleasure working with all of you and connecting with our hard-working and dedicated Members across the province. I have so much respect for all the hard work you do to support your school communities and ensure your students are successful and happy. This has been an amazing learning experience for me and I am so grateful. I wish you all a well-deserved, relaxing summer break.

Retirement Poll Responses

Thank you to the almost 900 Members who responded to our retirement poll in May. The responses give us very informed and up-to-date information about retirement plans and the factors that may be influencing those decisions. We have collated the results from the [2021 and 2022 polls](#), to review and compare the results. These are accessible to Members only.

Leading Forward Together Pre-Conference

[Free Registration Available!](#)

Members and Associates are invited to participate in a free [interactive afternoon](#) of learning on **August 17 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** (EDT) at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto with Lorretta Ross, who will address a culture of “calling-in.” A portion of the negotiated PD funds are being used to make this opportunity possible, as well as to subsidize the [Leading Forward Conference](#) on **August 18**.

Finance Update

As our current fiscal year concludes on June 30th and we prepare for year-end processes and the audit, we want to remind you that financial information is available to Members in the [Finances section](#) of our website. You will find the past three years' [audited financial statements](#), the [2022-23 approved budget](#), the [fiscal process and timeline](#), [revenue sources](#) and [resources and reserves policy](#).

Media

- [Why Critical Race Theory should inform schools](#)
- [Why Ontario needs more Black teachers](#)
- [Wiikwemkoong educator stars in picture book celebrating Anishinaabe traditions](#)
- [Residential school survivors reflect on National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

- [Where are all the Black astronomers and physicists? Racism, isolation keeping many away](#)
- [Concern about hot classrooms](#)

Articles requiring a paid subscription

- [Unions want to bargain during the summer](#)
- [Police routinely involved for university students with mental health issues](#)

Queen's Park

The House is not in session.