

President's Message

June 6, 2022

Post-Election Update

Following last Thursday's provincial election, Premier Ford now has a number of tasks ahead of him – swearing in a new Cabinet, recalling the Legislature, introducing a Throne Speech and tabling a Budget. There are no timelines for any of these as of yet, and the Premier has indicated he plans to "take his time" before proceeding. Once a new Minister of Education is announced, we will reach out to their office to introduce ourselves and continue with our advocacy efforts on your behalf.

EDI Update – Celebrating Pride and New Practices

One of the acknowledgments we make in June is Pride month. We look forward to seeing and hearing about the great support and advocacy for the 2SLGBTQ++ community that occurs in schools around the province. Over the past few years, we've seen how school communities have been overcoming some of the resistance that has existed, and have been able to adopt practices such as raising Pride flags at board offices and individual schools, while also engaging in the curricular conversations about identity and oppression. We are proud of our school leaders who have been committed to embedding practices that foster inclusion and representation to make schools safer places for students. The past few weeks have been hard, given the tragic events that have taken place. But this also reinforces the important roles that schools and school leaders play in making society more inclusive. In the latest <u>EDI Director's Blog</u>, Irfan reflects on the importance of school leaders, noticing and resisting binary thinking.

Media

- Education workers urge government to avoid classroom upheaval in September
- Thames Valley <u>DSB predicts budget deficit</u>
- Why the Right to Read Inquiry needs to broaden its recommendations
- <u>Did the election forget education?</u>
- School board removes Agatha Christie book

Articles requiring a paid subscription

- To prioritize children's health, decent work must be prioritized
- Teachers after shooting "None of us are built for this"
- EQAO tests back up and running

Queen's Park

The House is not in session.