

President's Message

May 24, 2022

Return to Work Supports

When a Member has been off for medical reasons and they are returning to work, they are strongly encouraged to request assistance from our Protective Services Team (PST). Typically, boards are receptive to having PST support at these meetings. The involvement of the PST is particularly critical when the Member requires accommodations in their workplace resulting from limitations and/or restrictions as determined by their medical team. When a Member is engaged in a Long-Term Disability (LTD) or WSIB claim, it is very important that they are supported by the PST. Learn more with our resources related to [OPC Supports for Health and Wellness](#) and [Supporting a Colleague who is returning to Work from Illness or Injury](#).

Our Spring Issue of The Register is Now Online!

It's been a long year for educators, but summer is just around the corner. Find yourself a sunny spot and read through our latest issue of *The Register* as we touch on ongoing advocacy in the face of the pandemic, why some children struggle to read, re-engaging in allyship, predetermining student pathways and taking a bite out of food culture in schools. Enjoy [our latest issue](#) online today!

Student Mental Health Literacy (MH LIT) Fireside Chat

Student Mental Health Ontario is offering an event to support secondary P/VPs in implementing the Student MH Lit lessons within your schools on Thursday, May 26 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. (EDT). The session will support administrators to explore implementation planning of Student Mental Health in Action for the upcoming school year. Participants will review lesson plans on basic mental health knowledge and help-seeking skills, consider how to gain support to bring the lessons to students, hear from those who have begun doing so and begin the planning process in conversation with their peers. [Register here](#).

Media

- [A teacher talks about class size](#)
- [Students advocate for autism acceptance at their school](#)
- [Why the next government needs to prioritize children's health](#)
- [Unravelling the legacy of one of Canada's most notorious residential schools](#)
- [Report documents Spanish students' alienation](#)

Queen's Park

The House has adjourned until after the election on June 2.