

President's Message

May 30, 2022

Robb Elementary School

Like all of you, we were devastated to hear about the shooting that took place at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas last week. As educators and school leaders, our thoughts are with the families of the victims, staff and students who experienced and were so personally impacted by this horrific and tragic event. Schools are valued community spaces where violence of any kind cannot be tolerated. All students and educators have a right to feel and be safe at school.

Celebrating Retirements!

We are pleased to announce that we will begin recognizing Members' retirements, honouring their commitment to supporting students and their dedication to public education over many years, starting with confirmed retirements in the 2021–22 school year. If you are retiring this year and wish to be recognized publicly, [opt in here](#).

With a retiree's consent, their names will be highlighted in our President's Message and in the fall issue of our *Register* magazine. You may also send an email to membership@principals.ca or opcbenefits@principals.ca at any time, to share your own retirement or the names of colleagues who have retired. Alternatively, encourage them to reach out to us to provide consent. **If your retirement date is not within this current school year, please do not opt-in at this time.** We will not publish any names publicly unless we have written consent to do so. If you have already opted-in, you do not need to do so again.

Retirement and LTD Coverage/Insurance

If you are retiring and have **LTD coverage**, you are not eligible to maintain it after retirement. Complete and submit the [Application to Terminate LTD Coverage form](#) to [OPC Benefits](#). Premiums are non-refundable. For boards where LTD is a condition of employment, proof of retirement will be required prior to termination. If you have **optional insurance** (life, accidental death and dismemberment), indicate on the [Application to Terminate or Maintain Optional Insurance Coverage form](#) whether you wish to terminate or maintain it. You can maintain this coverage up to age 70 if you become an OPC [Associate](#) or Term Member within 30 days of retiring. If your premiums were paid through payroll deduction, you'll need to complete the [Pre-authorized Debit Agreement](#) and submit a void cheque for premium withdrawal from your bank account.

Media

- [Technical issue with EQAO leads to pause in testing](#)

- [Union warns of cuts to lunchroom supervisors](#)
- [Greater Essex DSB apologizes over anti-Black racism, launches 5-year strategy](#)
- [The ABCs of finance: How this Ontario teacher is preparing her students for the real world](#)
- [The time has come to teach food literacy in schools](#)
- [After every school shooting in the U.S., Columbine's former principal reaches out](#)
- [Nurture BIPOC stories and art in post-secondary classrooms](#)
- [Residential schools: "You have a right to be angry"](#)

Articles requiring a paid subscription

- [Technology for online school shared kids' personal information](#)

Queen's Park

The House has adjourned until after the Provincial Election.