

# President's Message

**November 1, 2021**

## **Professional Learning Opportunity – Indigenous Connections**

Our next Just in Time PL opportunity will take place on November 9. Indigenous Connections is a series for school leaders to engage in conversations that deepen their understanding of Indigenous history, heritage and culture. Learn more and register [here](#).

## **Ministry Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Memo**

Last week, the ministry sent a memo to boards on guidance for assessment, evaluation and reporting for the current school year. It contains information on electronic signatures, reporting for kindergarten, elementary progress report cards, secondary reporting schedules, assessment of social-emotional learning skills, course withdrawal, final marks, credit recovery, the OSSLT and EQAO assessments. There is a lot of very important and valuable information in this memo. We encourage you to ensure you have received and read it. It is also [available to Members on our website](#) with other ministry memos.

## **AGM Video**

As noted in our message last week, we held our Annual General Meeting on October 21. The meeting was recorded so all Members can watch it and is available [here](#).

## **People for Education School Survey**

People for Education's (P4E) Annual Ontario School Survey is now open. As you know, each year P4E surveys school principals about topical and timely issues in schools and [creates a report](#) that is shared with government, media, stakeholder groups and the public. The input that you provide as front line school leaders is invaluable in ensuring that data is collected that accurately reflects what is occurring in our schools. Individual school data is strictly confidential, and only the overall findings are published. [The survey is available online](#). Thank you for your time and expertise.

## **Media**

- [Minister says mandated vaccines in ed sector could lead to 50,000 firings](#)
- [Pressure mounting to make COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for students](#)
- [Take home COVID-19 tests coming to all schools](#)
- [Anishinabek Nation offers resources for Treaties Recognition Week](#)
- [Researchers size up Ontario schoolyards](#)
- [Teachers in demand post pandemic](#)

- [More educational support workers needed in schools](#)
- [A lesson in Indigenous traditional math](#)
- [70% of parents plan to get their kids vaccinated](#)

## **Queen's Park**

There were questions in the House last week about [gender ideology protests outside schools](#), [mandatory vaccines for education workers](#), [safety of vaccinations for children](#), [prioritization of vaccine hot spots for kids](#) and [mental health and addiction services](#).