

President's Message

November 15, 2021

Negotiations Update

Last week, we provided an update to our Provincial Councillors, District Chairs and elected T&C representatives on the [Aurora case](#), where the s. 2(d) rights of agricultural workers were addressed in a decision of the Divisional Court released in August. The principals' and vice-principals' associations (OPC, CPCO and ADFO) intervened in the case. We also provided an [update on provincial bargaining](#). If you have questions after reviewing the materials we've provided in the links, please don't hesitate to contact me. Please note these documents are posted on the Member-only side of our website.

EDI Update

The OPC is committed to fostering structures that value and affirm the lived experiences of our Members, especially those who have traditionally been marginalized or underserved by the systems in which they operate. As part of that commitment, we would like to honour those Member voices that have recommended the creation of OPC Affinity Group spaces to allow Members who share particular identity traits to come together and create a supportive community. If you are interested in forming or participating in an affinity group, please [complete the survey](#).

Ministry Memo – De-streaming

Last week the ministry sent [a memo regarding de-streaming](#), confirming that as of September 2022, all Grade 9 subjects will be offered in one stream. The memo outlines course codes and descriptions for Science, English, Geography and French. We encourage all secondary school leaders to review the memo for important information. As always, it is also available on the Member-only side of our website.

Media

- [Violence against educators becoming normalized, says report](#)
- [Municipalities consider direct talks with federal government on child care](#)
- [Most parent-teacher interviews remain virtual in light of COVID-19](#)
- [Wait list for autism support almost doubles](#)
- [Government to end streaming in Grade 9](#)
- [Ottawa-Carleton board considers dropping O Canada from classrooms](#)

- [Board hiring hundreds of uncertified teachers due to staff shortages](#)
- [Vaccinations in 12-year-olds still lag](#)

Queen's Park

The House did not sit last week.