

President's Message

October 25, 2021

Provincial Council

Last week we held our first Provincial Council meeting of the year. Thank you to those who joined us (safely) in person and to those who joined us virtually to conduct the business of the organization. We also held our [Annual General Meeting](#) and released our [2020-2021 Annual Report](#). Highlights of the Council meeting will be available to Members later this week.

The Register

Our fall issue of *The Register* has now been mailed to all Members, and you should be receiving it in the next week. We also have an [online copy](#) of the magazine for your review, with a link to a pdf. As always, we welcome proposals from Members to write articles for future issues. If you are interested, please see our [submission guidelines](#).

Fiscal Year 2020-21 Audit Process and Results

The OPC's fiscal year (FY) runs from July 1 – June 30. As a not-for-profit association, we are required to retain an accounting firm to conduct a full audit of our finances each year. RSM Canada LLP has conducted our audits for the past four years. The consolidated financial statements include the results of the OPC (Membership, Benefits, Professional Learning), ISL (International School Leadership) and PAP (Principal Association Projects). We are pleased to report that the OPC received a clean audit opinion, which was reviewed and approved by Provincial Council on September 28 and received at the AGM on October 21, 2021. Our [audited financial statements](#) are available to Members in the Finances section of our website.

Media

- [Parent wants to educate students about Islamic heritage](#)
- [Report shows students witness ethnic, racial bullying at school](#)
- [Should voting age be lowered to 16?](#)
- [Toronto board replaces guidance counsellors with student success counsellors](#)
- [Halton trustees urge return to traditional semesters](#)
- [Government proposes right-to-disconnect policies for workplaces](#)
- [School board staff claiming medical exemptions at high rates](#)
- [Online encyclopedia will be hub of Indigenous teachings](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House last week about [\\$10 per day child care](#), [smaller classes](#), [needs-based system for autism services](#), [menstrual products for First Nations schools](#) and [mental health supports for Indigenous youth](#).

Bhutila Karpoche (NDP) introduced [Bill 25, *Early Years and Child Care Worker Act*](#), which would establish an Advisory Commission to develop recommendations on how to support early years and child care workers, address staffing shortages, and consider increased wages and improved working conditions.