

President's Message

April 11, 2023

Re-Employment Limit

Under the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP), a retired teacher, principal or vice-principal may work up to 50 days in each school year without pension penalty. This re-employment limit has been extended to 95 days for September 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, provided that all re-employment beyond the end of the month in which you exceed the 50-day limit is work in a school with a school board in Ontario, the Provincial Schools Authority, the Centre Jules-Léger Consortium, a designated private school that operates on a reserve or a designated organization that operates on a reserve, where your position requires a valid teaching certificate from the College.

It's important to keep this <u>re-employment limit</u> in mind and track the number of days you work during the school year to avoid any potential pension issues. If you exceed the limit by the end of June 2023 and continue to work in July or August, your pension may be suspended. When retired P/VPs return to work as supply administrators, they often need to work at the beginning of July and/or the end of August to help with closing and opening the schools. We recommend that you consult with the OTPP with respect to the days you will work in July and/or August to ensure that your pension will not be interrupted.

Mental Fitness Course from Starling Minds

Starling Minds is offering a new 6-week course, Unwinding Anxiety with CBT and Mindfulness, that will take place every Thursday from May 4 to June 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. EDT. The course will help you learn the signs, symptoms and manifestations of anxiety in your life and how to break the cycles of worry and fear to heal your mind and body. This is a free and confidential workshop for OPC Members. Register here. If you have any questions, please reach out to members@starlingminds.com.

Quote to Ponder

"The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn...and change." — Carl Rogers

Media

- Will skilled trades requirement put students at risk?
- CUPE workers still looking for local contracts
- Teacher wants schools to be more open to Muslim student needs
- Universities open spaces for BIPOC students
- Dyslexia Canada urges boards to screen all children in Kindergarten
- Quebec to ban prayer rooms in public schools

- Students become educators for a day
- What engineering admission tool reveals about high school grades

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House about <u>mental health and addiction services</u>, <u>wages for child care workers</u>, <u>children with Autism transitioning to school</u>, <u>extending discretionary suspensions for children beyond grade 3</u> and <u>preparing young women for careers in STEM</u>.