

President's Message

April 24, 2023

EDI Update

In April, we acknowledged and honoured significant days for several faiths including Passover, Ramadan, Easter, Sikh and Buddhist New Years. Our school systems are getting better at recognizing the range of events that support the diverse student communities we serve. We also need to ensure we are embedding multiple perspectives and identities as part of the regular pedagogical practice, going beyond the bulletin board and honouring diversity in our teaching and learning in an anti-oppressive and culturally responsive way.

Our partners at OISE are planning a symposium on 'Cross-racial Solidarity among the BIPOC Community: Perspectives from the Asian Community' on May 19. If you are interested in participating in their practitioner panel or have any questions, please contact [Irfan Toor](#). And in the next few weeks, several administrator affinity groups are meeting: 2SLGBTQ+ administrators (April 26), Muslim administrators (May 8), Indo-Caribbean administrators (May 18), Neurodivergent administrators (May 11) and Black administrators (May 24). [Find out more](#) about times and virtual links.

Celebrating Retirements!

We are recognizing Members' retirements for the 2022-23 school year, honouring their commitment to supporting students and their dedication to public education. With the retiree's consent, the names will be highlighted in a President's Message and in the fall issue of our *Register* magazine. Should you wish to be recognized publicly, [opt in here](#). 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, or alternatively, encourage them to reach out to us to provide consent to celebrate their career. 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 unless we have written consent to do so.

Quote to Ponder

"Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't." – Bill Nye

Media

- [Government sets sights on Ontario school system](#)
- [Underused schools could be sold for housing](#)
- [Ontario shouldn't be too quick to get rid of empty schools](#)
- [What the curriculum says about the environment](#)
- [Teachers: Not a chance of a contract by June](#)
- [Schools will struggle to cover their costs](#)

- [New legislation looks to push back-to-basics agenda](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House about [returning to teaching fundamental skills](#), [underfunding of the education system](#), [child welfare agencies](#), [school nutrition programs](#) and [inadequate education funding](#).

Minister Lecce introduced Bill 98, [*Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act*](#).