

President's Message

April 4, 2023

Happy Birthday OPC!

On April 1, we celebrated our 25th anniversary. On Sunday night, we welcomed guests to our Gala Dinner to kick off our celebration year. Today, we are hosting the Summit on Public Education in Canada, bringing together 225 educators and stakeholders from across the country to develop a vision for the future of K-12 education in Canada. Throughout the year, we'll be sponsoring other events – watch [our website](#) for details. We are proud to be the professional association representing principals and vice-principals in every public District School Board in Ontario. Thank you for your membership!

Special Education for School Leaders Project: Additional Qualification Subsidies Available!

To build leadership capacity for school leaders in meeting the needs of all students, a [limited number of subsidies](#) for select Additional Qualification Programs are now available to eligible candidates for successfully completing program requirements as part of this three-year project. Eligible candidates will receive full reimbursement for our Principal's Development Course Modules and our Special Education for Administrators Qualification Program. There are also partial subsidies available.

Student Leadership Awards Coming to Your School

The OPC Student Leadership Award small plaques are scheduled to ship to schools starting this week. As is our usual practice, additional small and large plaques may be ordered through our [online store](#). If you have any questions or require further information, please contact admin@principals.ca.

Quote to Ponder

"The principle goal of education is to create adults capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done." – Jean Piaget

Media

- [Ottawa board proposes staff cuts to address budget deficit](#)
- [Catholic boards allow teens of all religions to run as student trustees](#)
- [How Ontario is combatting Islamophobia](#)
- [Is Ontario doing enough for students with disabilities?](#)
- [Parents speak out about school policies related to transgender students](#)
- [Safety trumps privacy in school washrooms](#)
- [Why are students avoiding school due to anxiety?](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House about [underspending on education](#), [support for families accessing the Ontario Autism Program](#), [violence in schools](#), [funding for Autism supports](#), [shortfall in education funding](#), [supports for youth leaving child welfare system](#), [pandemic funding to school boards](#), and [supports for families and students](#).