

President's Message

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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.

Report on Student Mental Health

Today, People for Education released a [report on students' mental health](#), based on the data collected from over 1,000 principals and vice-principals across Ontario. The data indicates what we all know too well – that schools are not sufficiently supported to help students who are continuing to struggle with the aftereffects of the pandemic. School leaders reported increased behavioural issues, students having difficulties with self-regulation and a range of unaddressed mental health challenges. The data also revealed that the percentage of schools with no access to psychologists has doubled in the last ten years, and that geography plays a significant role in schools' access to supports like social workers, psychologists and child and youth workers. We will continue to advocate for more professional mental health support in schools and better access to community-based mental health resources and treatment that students and families can access.

Quote to Ponder

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."
– Malcolm X

Media

- [The kids aren't all right – more mental health supports needed](#)
- [How kids' mental health suffered during COVID-19](#)
- [Hamilton high school is first language-friendly one in North America](#)
- [Schools use Black history month to tackle a tough subject](#)
- [Boards want government to end ban on closing, merging schools](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House last week about the [cost of child care](#), [human trafficking of women and children](#), [gender-based violence](#), [skilled trades](#), [autism treatment](#), [shortage of EAs in schools](#) and [curriculum to prepare for future jobs](#).