

President's Message

January 16, 2023

EDI Update

Recently, we were able to host a few of our EDI-based groups and committees at the OPC office. In December, facilitators for our affinity groups continued their training with Anima Leadership. In January, the EDI Advisory committee and the sub-committees participated in a strategic planning day. The District EDI Reps will be participating in a full day workshop later this month and then have the opportunity to attend part of the Provincial Council meeting in February. There are affinity group meetings for East-Asian Administrators on January 25 and for Indo-Caribbean Administrators on January 26. For more details about these meetings, or information on the other affinity groups, please visit the [Affinity Space for Members](#) page on our website.

Goodlife Membership – Sign Up or Renew

As one of the benefits of your OPC membership, you can continue your health and wellness journey with a GoodLife membership, offered through the Edvantage discount program. Purchase or renew your membership [here](#), and view the rates for the membership types available. To complete your purchase/renewal, you will need your group name (Edvantage-OPC) and your Edvantage number (your OPC number). If you participate in the Edvantage program through TSAA or OCT, use your assigned identification number. For any questions, email the [Corporate Programs team](#) at GoodLife Fitness or call 1-800-287-4631.

People for Education Report

With input from principals and vice-principals across the province, today People for Education released a [Progress Report on Anti-Racism Policies Across Canada](#). Included in the findings is that principals continue to struggle to implement vital new strategies with insufficient staff and resources, and while continuing to deal with the fall-out from the pandemic. The report also notes what appears to be some backsliding in Ontario education on what could have been effective anti-racism and equity policies. It recommends the need to name the problem, collect data and provide regular reports, and provide resources to support policy.

Media

- [Kindergarteners learn the fundamentals of coding](#)
- [School bus provider can't keep up with driver exodus](#)
- [Halton board orders dress code for teachers](#)
- [Board to redraw zones to ease overcrowding in high schools](#)
- [What Indigenous language revitalization looks like](#)
- [Pandemic isolation, social media could be factors in violent crimes by teens](#)

- [Union calling for government to hire more support staff to address school violence](#)
- [Ontario could be short 8,500 early childhood educators](#)

Queen's Park

The House is in recess until February 21.