

President's Message

June 26, 2023

Closing Out the School Year – Thank You and Good-bye!

As we close out the 2022-23 school year and you prepare for a well-deserved break, I want to thank you for your dedication, perseverance and commitment to the students, staff and communities that you lead. I also wanted to express my gratitude for the opportunity of being the OPC Provincial President. This year has been transformative for all of us as we emerged from the pandemic. I value the trust, support and guidance that I received from this year's provincial executive (Lisa Collins, Hillary Freeburn, Lorne Gretsinger, Jeff Maharaj, Leslie Mantle, Ralph Nigro, Alison Osborne and Jason Pratt); the Provincial Council or Board of Directors, with representatives from every district; and the OPC staff who contribute so much behind the scenes.

I also had the added honour to work with two incredible Executive Directors – Allyson Otten for the first half of the year and Nadine Trépanier-Bisson since January, both of whom are talented, visionary leaders. My district visits were inspiring and left me with profound gratitude and respect for each of you and the work you do within your schools. The collaborative work that the OPC takes part in with our partner organizations CPCO and ADFO has amplified the advocacy done on behalf of principals and vice-principals across the province. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the privilege of serving as your President. Have a wonderful summer.

Provincial Negotiations Update

As you know, our Provincial Terms and Conditions agreement expires on August 31, 2023. As in the past, we will be bargaining – along with CPCO and ADFO – with the Crown and the Trustee Associations on behalf of all P/VPs in the province. While we do not yet have dates confirmed, we do have a team that is meeting, planning and preparing for the upcoming negotiations. Please read [this letter](#) for an update on the process to date. We have also set up a dedicated email address at negotiations2023@principals.on.ca to gather suggestions.

Quote to Ponder

“Education is one thing no one can take away from you.” – Elin Nordegren

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