

President's Message

May 29, 2023

Collaborative Connection Opportunities

We are providing a range of facilitated [connection opportunities](#) for Members and Associates to collaborate on different topics and professional responsibilities that are designed to share ideas. Indigenous Connections is a series to engage in conversations that deepen your understanding of Indigenous history, heritage and culture. The next session on June 1 at 4:00 p.m. EDT, facilitated by Troy Maracle, will focus on Supporting Indigenous Education from a Leadership Position. Principal Coffee Connections is a drop-in session for school leaders to engage in conversations on topical issues. The next session will be on June 15 at 7:00 p.m. EDT.

Our Spring *Register* Magazine is Now Online!

Our last *Register* magazine issue of this school year is [now available online](#). It is accessible on your computer, laptop or phone. This issue includes articles on the OPC's 25 year history, surviving home assignment, staff shortages, attributes of high-performing school leaders and the importance of trauma-sensitive school leadership. We're always looking for new writers – practising principals and vice-principals – to contribute to the magazine. If you are interested in submitting an article for an upcoming issue, please review our [submission guidelines](#).

New Indigenous Affinity Group

We are very pleased to be able to offer a new affinity group next month for Members who identify as First Nation, Métis or Inuit. The initial meeting of this group will be June 6 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. EDT. It will be hosted by Colinda Clyne, Robert Durocher and Christina Saunders. Please remember that affinity spaces are meant to be spaces for healing and connection for individuals who share that identity and lived experience; they are not intended to be for the learning of others. For more information, or to access the link for this meeting or any of the other affinity space meetings, please visit the [Affinity Spaces for Members](#) page on our website.

Quote to Ponder

"Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom." – Oprah Winfrey

Media

- [Why some school boards are limiting access to public meetings](#)
- [Groups call for free school breakfast and lunch programs](#)
- [Trans players on sports teams have had no complaints](#)
- [Monitoring acceptable books for libraries to carry](#)
- [Public health stepping in as nurse program ends in schools](#)
- [University waives tuition for Indigenous students](#)

- [Race, disability factors in which students go on to post-secondary](#)

Queen's Park

The House did not sit for Question Period last week.

MPP Ted Hsu (Liberal) introduced [Bill 108, *An Act in Relation to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder*](#). The bill would require school boards to develop a policy addressing FASD, and require teachers and early childhood educators to be taught about the signs and symptoms of FASD, as well as how to appropriately accommodate these children in the classroom.