

President's Message

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OPC Advocacy Paper

We recently released an advocacy paper, [*Trauma-Sensitive School Leadership Study Report*](#). The report contributes to an understanding of the conditions, barriers and resources needed by school leaders to support students, staff and their own mental health as they work to establish trauma-informed, safe, equitable and successful learning and working environments. It's our intention that the survey results and recommendations become a conversation starter for stakeholders across the province that will lead to positive changes. These conversations will move us forward to act collectively to support our school communities and ourselves through a trauma-sensitive leadership approach.

Professional Learning Opportunities Bulletin

We provide a weekly Professional Learning Opportunities Bulletin that includes the latest information on our upcoming offerings and resources. If you are interested in receiving this communication, [sign up today](#). If you have previously consented to receiving the bulletin or if you don't receive it after signing up, be sure to check your junk folder in case it is filtered.

Report – Improving Mental Health and Well-Being

Last week, the Ontario Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health, of which we are a member, released a report entitled [*Let's Put Our Heads Together*](#), focusing on coordinating efforts to improve mental health and well-being for Ontario's children and youth. The report outlines the Coalition's understanding of priority issues related to system coordination; equity; and mental health promotion, early identification and prevention of mental health concerns. Recommendations are provided to support a coordinated system that ensures access to timely, integrated, responsive and equitable mental health services for children and young people across Ontario.

Media

- [Lowest paid CUPE workers to get 4.2% pay increase](#)
- [Parents to see childcare rebates by end of year](#)
- [Kids are sick. Hospitals are in crisis. Parents are not OK](#)
- [CUPE workers begin vote on contract offer](#)
- [Incidents of school violence are increasing – what's the solution?](#)
- [CUPE members to receive 2 days lost wages for political protest](#)
- [Minister respects choice of parents in mask debate](#)
- [Ontario expanding dual credit program](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House last week about [flu shots for kids](#), [attracting more students to the skilled trades](#), [spending shortfall in the education sector](#), [abuse in group homes for young people](#) and [safety of children in group homes](#).