

## President's Message

October 11, 2022

### Changing School Boards

Our PST supports Members who are contemplating or preparing to change school boards within Ontario. Members may seek employment in another board for professional and/or personal reasons. If you are contemplating moving boards, there are some things to consider before applying. These include, but are not limited to, comparing the T&C contract of the two districts and researching provisions in the prospective board's T&C contract that may be of particular importance to you. Even a verbal agreement with a prospective board can be binding - you do not have to sign a document to "seal the deal." Make sure you are prepared to resign or take a leave of absence from your current employment before saying "yes" to any offer. Before you accept a position with a new board, call the PST for a consultation. You can also refer to our tip sheet "[Changing Boards](#)."

### Membership and Group Benefits Applications Due

A reminder that all **newly appointed administrators** must submit their OPC [membership application](#) and [Group Benefits application](#) within 60 calendar days of their appointment. If your appointment date was effective September 1, 2022, you must submit your applications to Membership Services by **October 31, 2022**. Failure to do so will result in a loss of historical protective services coverage for any employment-related situation that developed or occurred before you joined the OPC, or you will be required to provide medical evidence of good health to receive LTD insurance. For more information, contact [membership@principals.ca](mailto:membership@principals.ca) or [opcbenefits@principals.ca](mailto:opcbenefits@principals.ca).

### People for Education's Annual Ontario School Survey

It's time again for the [Annual School Survey](#) from People for Education. We believe it's worth taking the time to share your experiences of what's happening in your school. All data is strictly confidential, and only the overall findings are published. Principals' participation helped to produce [additional reports](#) that were widely covered in the media. The findings help to tell the story of your work and the impacts of policy and funding changes on our schools. It will be open until November 4.

### Rick Victor Remembered

We want to extend our thoughts and condolences to the family of Rick Victor, a former principal in the Keewatin-Patricia DSB, who passed away last week. Rick was one of the original founders of the OPC, served on our first Provincial Council, on our Executive and as our 2000-2001 Provincial President. His obituary can be found [here](#).

## Media

- [CUPE requests no board report during negotiations](#)
- [Premier to unions – Don't force my hand on potential strike](#)
- [New dress code to focus on personal expression, anti-oppression](#)
- [What does reconciliation actually mean?](#)
- [Court to hear government's appeal of mandatory math test](#)
- [Ottawa to lift work hour limits for international students](#)
- [CAMH developing online platform for youth mental health](#)
- [How can families resolve disagreements with teachers?](#)

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## Queen's Park

The House is in recess until October 25.