

President's Message

September 26, 2022

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In the words of the Honourable Murray Sinclair, "Education is what got us into this mess, and education will get us out." The question each of us needs to ask ourselves is "what are we doing as school leaders to ensure that our staff, students and community are engaging in this learning and in these Calls to Action?" This week, and every week, we encourage you to take responsibility for your own learning, engage and participate with local Indigenous communities to raise awareness and create the conditions needed to support reconciliation. [The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) website has excellent resources for your learning and to share with your community. We would also like to offer our support to OPC Members who identify as Indigenous and encourage you to take time for your own healing and well-being.

New Member Video

We have developed a [video for our new Members](#), providing some information on each of the departments, and the services and supports we offer. We encourage all new Members to watch this short video to familiarize themselves with our organization. It will also be sent to all new Members, along with their registration package.

End Dates for Long-term Disability (LTD) Coverage

There are five LTD options available under our Benefits plan. LTD1, 2 and 5 provide coverage up to the earlier of age 65, the date you retire or eligibility for a 70% unreduced pension (after 35 years of qualifying service). LTD3 and 4 provide coverage up to your 85 factor (age plus working experience). The eligibility factor that comes first will determine when your option expires. Until we receive written notice that you have reached one of the factors and request cancellation of your coverage, premium deductions, which are non-refundable, will continue. Visit the [Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan website](#) to verify your eligibility. Your benefits profile is accessible via your profile [our website](#). Email opcbenefits@principals.ca for more information.

AGM Notice

Council will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2022**, beginning at **9:30 a.m.** The AGM is open to all OPC Members. You are invited to participate virtually via Zoom using [this link](#). Please note only Provincial Councillors can make motions and vote. The meeting agenda includes approval of the 2022-2023 Provincial Councillors as Directors of the Ontario Principals' Council, receipt of the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements, appointment of the Auditors and any other business in accordance with the Constitution.

Media

- [Government says wage cap law does not infringe Charter rights](#)

- [Students who missed so much during pandemic return for victory lap](#)
- [Parents scramble after bus routes cancelled](#)
- [Advice for new principals – the 4 things to focus on first](#)
- [Covid vaccine uptake for children lower than expected](#)

Articles Requiring a Paid Subscription

- [CUPE support staff to begin strike vote](#)

Queen's Park

The House is in recess until October 25.