

President's Message

October 30, 2023

Professional Learning Networks

Did you know that we offer Professional Learning Networks (PLN) that are meant to support your leadership portfolio? Meet colleagues from across the province in a supportive and engaging environment to share ideas, strategies, experiences and learning needs. Some of the networks include leadership development, safe schools and vice-principal perspectives. Whether you stop in for one or attend multiple sessions, you are welcome to come share ideas, strategies, experiences and learning needs. [Sign-up for these free online discussions](#) to be notified for upcoming meetings.

Annual Report and AGM Video

On October 19, we held our Annual General Meeting. For those who were unable to attend in person or virtually, you can now [watch it here](#). As part of the meeting, the delegates received and approved the 2022-2023 Annual Report, which can be accessed [here](#).

Principal Voice Podcast – Listen Now

For our latest Principal Voice podcast, we talked to Karen Murray, the System Superintendent of Equity, Anti-Oppression and Early Years in the Toronto District School Board. In her role, Karen oversees the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement at the TDSB, the largest centre of its kind in North America. [Listen to learn more](#) about the Centre and the work it is doing for students and the community it serves.

Principal's Award – Updated Process for Plaques

As part of the 2023-2024 budget approval process, the cost of plaques for the Principal's Award for Student Leadership will no longer be covered by the OPC. Instead, each spring, there will be a digital certificate template available on our website that schools can download and print with the student's name for presentation to the recipient of the award for that year. [Learn more](#) about this new process.

Quote to Ponder

"Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be." – Rita Pierson

Media

- [Elementary school education workers vote for 4-year deal](#)

- [Secondary school teachers finish contract talks without deal](#)
- [Federal government threatens to crack down on dubious post-secondary institutions](#)
- [Northern Ontario First Nations call for help amid mental health crisis](#)
- [Flu shots and latest COVID-19 vaccines available for all as of today](#)
- [Ontario NDP under fire for removal of MPP](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House last week about the [status of teacher negotiations](#), [opportunities for skilled trades](#) and [delays in certifying skilled workers](#).