

# President's Message

## May 6, 2019

### 2019-20 Provincial Executive

Last week we held our final Provincial Council meeting of the school year. As part of that meeting, your Council elected the Provincial Executive for the 2019-20 school year. Congratulations to

President - Nancy Brady (Ottawa)  
President-Elect – Ann Pace (York)  
Vice-President – Lisa Collins (Near North)  
Vice President – Dave Westaway (Thames Valley)  
Member-at-Large – Patsy Agard (Ottawa-Carleton)  
Member-at-Large – Chad Brownlee (Upper Canada)  
Larry O'Malley – Past President (Halton)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank 5 Members who served on the current year's executive – Mary Linton (Toronto), Mark Campbell (Greater Essex), Peter Creer (Durham), Jill Nebb (Bluewater) and Erica Cotton (Superior-Greenstone).

Highlights of the full Council meeting will be sent to all Members later this week.

### Strategic Plan

We are pleased to announce that we have now finalized our 2019-2022 [Strategic Plan](#) that was unanimously approved by Provincial Council last week. As part of that process, we have a new vision statement: *Leading public schools that are the global standard of excellence* and a revised mission statement: *Develop, support and promote exemplary leadership for student success in our schools*. Our Strategic Plan is the result of an extensive consultation process with our Executive, senior staff, Provincial Council, stakeholder partners and a membership survey completed by 1,162 of you. Over the next four weeks, we will be profiling each of the four priorities, objectives and actions that make up the Plan. Provincial Councillors will also be speaking to it during year-end District meetings. Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide us with your feedback, input, thoughts and suggestions. Over the next three years, with your support and participation, we will be putting the Plan into action.

### Wellness Tip Sheet

Our Protective Services Team and Benefits department are here to help Members on sick leave, LTD and/or WSIB and those returning to work following an illness, injury or disability. We've prepared a [tip sheet](#) on health and wellness to highlight some resources. If you or one of your colleagues feel overwhelmed, stressed or anxious, we encourage you to review this resource and call our PST for advice and support.

## Director of Professional Learning

After an extensive search from among a significant number of outstanding candidates, we are pleased to announce that our next Director of Professional Learning will be Nadine Trépanier-Bisson. Nadine has been the Executive Director of the francophone principals' association, ADFO, for the past eight years and brings a wealth of experience to her new role. She has been the ADFO lead for ministry projects, organizes annual principal training in France, is pursuing a doctorate in education, was a part-time Professor at the University of Ottawa, has performed the PST role for ADFO and was the financial lead on our ONE-T benefits program. Nadine will start at the OPC on Monday, August 12, and will be transitioning until then.

As we welcome Nadine, we again thank Joanne Robinson, who can now officially retire, for her extraordinary and varied contributions to the OPC for the past 20 years.

## Media

[Teacher tracker counts almost 2,000 layoff notices issued so far](#)

[Minister calls on unions to start negotiating](#)

[Teachers feeling emotional toll of cuts](#)

[Government starts consultation process for autism treatment](#)

[What is the right class size?](#)

[Student trustees oppose larger class sizes and mandatory online learning](#)

[High school holds “adulthood” classes](#)

[Ontario math has always covered the basics](#)

[Government cancels \\$50 million for child care centres](#)

## Queen's Park

There were questions in the House about [GSN funding](#), [funding shortfalls for school boards](#), [course cancellations due to funding cuts](#), [school bus safety](#), [cuts to child care fee stabilization funding](#) and [potential teacher layoffs](#).

Transportation Minister Jeff Yurek introduced Bill 107, the [Getting Ontario Moving Act](#). One section of the Act would introduce financial penalties for improperly passing school buses.

