President's Message April 14, 2020

Assessment, Reporting and Curriculum During School Closures

Last week the ministry sent a <u>memo to Directors</u> regarding mid-year marks for graduating students, report cards, civics and career courses and provincial policy around the Growing Success document. As expected, the ministry continues to adjust timelines and practices as schools remain closed. We will continue to monitor announcements and share them with you.

Need Your OPC Password and/or Number?

As we post more information to <u>our website</u> and offer Professional Learning online, it's important for you to have your OPC number and password, since some information can only be found on the Member side. Your OPC number is your username and a password is generated for you, which can be updated online. **If you can't remember your password**, use the <u>Forgot Password</u> tool in the upper right corner of the home page. Enter your OPC number and you will receive your password by email to the primary email on record (usually your board one).

If you do not know your OPC number, click on the <u>Forget Password</u> button, then click on the Forgot OPC# link below and enter your board or personal email address. You will receive an email with your OPC number and password to login. These recovery emails may be flagged as spam, so check your junk folder. If you have any difficulties, contact us at <u>membership@principals.ca</u>.

Wellness for School Leaders Webinars

We are providing Members with opportunities for growth focused on wellness and mental health. In these free 60-minute webinars, experts will provide strategies to lead during this challenging time. Speakers include Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe, Dr. **Shimi** Kang, Mark **Henick** and Drew Dudley. Our next webinar is Wednesday April 15 at 3:00 pm EST. Check out the <u>Wellness for School</u> <u>Leaders</u> page for more information and registration.

Media

- Classes back in session as schools remain closed.
- Educators worry gap may grow for disadvantaged students stuck at home.
- Transition to e-learning will be a learning process
- What will happen to grades during the pandemic?
- Tips for families during uncertain times
- Catholic teachers ratify deal with government
- Students face unemployment as job market freezes
- Technology brings teachers and kids together virtually.

Queen's Park

The House sat today, in smaller numbers, to pass legislation to extend the state of emergency in Ontario to May 12. The Premier also announced that schools will not be re-opening May 4, but that this does not mean the rest of the school year is cancelled. He said the Minister will make a further announcement in the next few days.