

# President's Message

**February 10, 2020**

## **Letter to Minister – OSSLT**

We have heard from many of you that the ongoing labour situation is making preparations for the upcoming OSSLT difficult. Today we sent [a letter to the Minister](#) outlining our concerns about the responsibilities required to prepare and support students in the lead up to the test, and issues related to the administration of the test itself. Due to the current job action, we are calling on the government to postpone the 2020 OSSLT. For students in grade 12 who still need to pass the OSSLT this year as a graduation requirement, we have suggested an exemption or a board-administered test.

## **Keeping You Informed – Posting for SEAQP Instructor Position**

Our Special Education for Administrators Qualification Program (SEAQP) offers opportunities to enhance leadership skills and knowledge to support work in leading Special Education. It helps participants reflect on ways to improve their professional practice and transform the culture of their school to become more inclusive and ensure the success of all students. We are now seeking highly qualified practising elementary and secondary principals to facilitate our blended and online SEAQP. We are [accepting applications](#) until **February 20**.

## **Seeking Legal Counsel for our Protective Services Team**

We are seeking a Legal Counsel to provide advice and legal support. The position requires a background in labour law, including alternative dispute resolution. The successful candidate will engage in defending P/VPs at the Ontario College of Teachers, respond to legal proceedings related to employment performance, provide legal advice to the Council, research and analyze new legislation, contribute to education materials and participate in Terms and Conditions negotiations. [Find out more about this position](#). Resumes and related information must be submitted to Judith Peden at [jpeden@principals.ca](mailto:jpeden@principals.ca) by **February 26, 2020**.

## **Twitter Chat**

Our next Twitter chat will take place this **Thursday February 13 from 8:00-9:00 pm EST**. The topic will be Effective Communications. We've invited Peggy Sweeney, OPC's Senior Communications Consultant, to join us for the chat. To take part, sign into Twitter at 8:00 pm, enter #OPCchat in the search Twitter box in the upper right corner, introduce yourself once the moderator joins and include #OPCchat with all your comments. We hope you can join us!

## **Media**

- [Reg 274 – How it became part of negotiations \(OPC Interviewed in this story\)](#)
- [Young people who need mental health services can't wait](#)

- [Mystery group attacks teacher unions](#)
- [Finnish schools use phenomenon-based learning](#)
- [We must end the stigma around skilled trades](#)
- [Government seeks private eLearning company to administer math tests for teachers](#)
- [Class size – at the centre of teacher strikes](#)
- [FDK remains sticking point in negotiations](#)

### **Queen's Park**

The House is in recess until February 18.