

President's Message

October 7, 2019

Strike Averted

We are very pleased that a deal (subject to ratification) was reached last night between CUPE, the Crown and the school boards' association. It's great news that today, our students are in class, our staff are in the building and our schools are open. We are also very relieved that the additional duties and responsibilities so many of you were asked to manage last week, and the possibility of more being asked of those of you in schools that would have remained open had a strike ensued, have come to an end.

Following CUPE's announcement last week that a strike was possible, we felt compelled to issue [a public statement](#) outlining our concerns about the impact of work-to-rule so far and the negative implications for students and our Members. It was important for the voices of principals and vice-principals to be heard – and we believe they were – by the government, school boards and union, especially in relation to our commitment to equity of access for all students during times of labour unrest. **Twitter Chat**

Our next Twitter chat takes place this **Thursday October 10 from 8:00 – 9:00 pm EST**. The topic will be Building Equity into School Culture, with special guest Debbie Donsky. To take part, sign into Twitter at 8 pm on Thursday, enter **#OPCchat** in the Search Twitter box in the upper right corner. The questions and instructions will be set up. Introduce yourself once the moderator opens the chat. Include #OPCchat with your comments. We hope you can join us!

Share a Picture of Your School

We're designing the next iteration of our Wonder Wall, the large space just inside our office, and we need your help. We want to display a collage of pictures of schools across Ontario. Is your school new, old, modern, historic? Take a picture and send it to us so we can build our display. We'll need

- 1-3 digital files, preferably in colour
- Up to 11 x 17 inches maximum either horizontal or vertical
- A high quality resolution digital file (150-300 dpi recommended) and in JPEG format.

Files sent via email should be under 10MB; if picture is over 10MB it can be uploaded and sent via Dropbox. Include the name of the school, the panel(s) and the board name and email pictures to Chris Johnstone, cjohnstone@principals.ca.

With your help, we hope to display a large cross section of the various beautiful school buildings that exist across the province.

Media*

- [Deal reached with CUPE](#)
- [Poverty costs Ontario \\$33billion per year](#)
- [Ford and Trudeau battle over education policy](#)
- [Quebec plans to cut school boards](#)
- [Government cancels planned cuts to social assistance](#)
- [The fallout of optional fees for postsecondary students](#)
- [New Brunswick education minister proposes elimination of age-based grade levels](#)

Queen's Park

The House is in recess until October 28.