

President's Message

April 27, 2020

National Principals' Day

Friday is National Principal's Day, an event that originated and has to date been primarily celebrated in the United States. This year, we want to take the opportunity to recognize all of our Ontario principals and vice-principals as well. Throughout the week, we'll be highlighting the important work you do on our Twitter and Facebook accounts. And on Friday we'll be releasing a short video, hearing directly from OPC Members, about why they took on the role, advice they would give to new administrators and what the role means to them. Thank you, today and every day, for your effort in support of our students! #NationalPVPDay

Ministry Updates

Following yesterday's [announcement by the Minister](#) that schools will remain closed until at least May 31, the Learn at Home emergency teaching and learning will remain in place for the next month. Please continue to check in with your board for any updates on procedures or protocols during this time. [The ministry also released information](#) on whether marks can go down and the timeline for grade 11 and 12 students to drop courses without penalty.

Media Interviews

Last week I took part in two media interviews, with [CBC Ottawa Morning](#) and [CBC Ontario Morning](#) (at 2:25 of the link), to talk about the challenges you are facing during this time of emergency remote teaching and learning, and to highlight some of the concerns we still have about how the process is working. I continue to be inspired by the commitment you are all demonstrating to do the best we can for students during this time.

Student Leadership Plaques

The Student Leadership Award small plaques are ready to be shipped to each school as soon as schools re-open. Additional small plaques may be ordered through our [online store](#). Please contact Brad Harris at bharris@principals.ca if you have any questions or require further information. The ordering and shipping of large plaques will be delayed until September.

If you have a child applying for the [Scholarship for Children of OPC Members](#), please contact your local district Chair or Provincial Councillor to confirm the deadline for application and how to submit the application forms and supporting documents.

Media

- [Child abuse reports have gone quiet and that's troubling](#)
- [Premier seeks a framework for "slowly" re-opening the economy](#)

- [Pandemic uncertainty takes a toll on children with autism](#)
- [3 tips for humanizing digital pedagogy](#)
- [Too early to write off the school year, says the Premier](#)
- [Ottawa announces funding for out-of-work students](#)
- [Teacher candidates won't complete practice, but will have to pass math test](#)
- [Schools could look a lot different after pandemic ends](#)

Queen's Park

The House has been adjourned until May 12.