

President's Message

January 13, 2020

We continue to monitor the labour disruptions that the teacher and support staff unions have announced for the coming weeks as part of the ongoing negotiations with the schools boards and Crown. Last week we sent another [letter to the Minister](#), outlining our continued concerns about the EQAO assessment. Although we are pleased that most school boards have decided not to administer the Semester 1 Grade 9 math test, we are concerned about how the students not writing this month will be prepared and able to write in June. There are several issues that will make this difficult in schools for staff and students. As such, we will continue to express our concerns to the Minister. As always, please share any specific concerns you have during this time with your Provincial Councillor, so they can share them with us.

New Administrator Webinar Series

We are inviting Members, **who are newly appointed vice-principals/principals**, to participate in professional learning designed to meet the needs of today's school leaders. [A free webinar series](#) is available to provide more information about the OPC and support you in your new role throughout the school year.

Rebranding OPC Benefits

Since ONE-T started administering health and extended health benefits to you, there has been some confusion about these benefits and the ones offered through the OPC (LTD, life and AD&D). Often, we field queries about the status of health and dental claims, when those should be directed to the ONE-T plan. To make this information more clear, we will be rebranding our OPC Benefits to be more specific about what we do and provide clarity on the scope of services and coverage that we offer. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Media

- [Secret document outlines government's plans around e-learning](#)
- [Parents brace for walkouts and job action](#)
- [ETFO ramps up job action starting today](#)
- [Next OSSTF strike planned for Wed Jan 15](#)
- [Catholic teachers announce work-to-rule campaign](#)
- [Ontario encourages more young people to consider skilled trades](#)
- [Will Gen Z be remembered as Generation Anxiety?](#)
- [Increasing minimum wage can reduce suicide rates](#)

The House is in recess until February 18.