

President's Message

June 8, 2020

Principal's Award for Student Leadership – Special Online Copy

As you know, the small plaques to recognize this year's recipients for the Principal's Award for Student Leadership won't be shipped until schools re-open in September. In light of steps being taken to recognize student achievement virtually, we have created a [digital copy word version](#) that you can fill in and email to your school's recipient if you so choose.

No Fee Increase for 2020-21

In 2003, Provincial Council voted to tie membership fee increases to the CPI each year. In a webcast held on April 30, Council reviewed and approved the [2020-21 OPC Budget](#). As part of this budget process, Council decided it was not necessary to increase the membership fee for 2020-21 and to instead maintain it at its 2019-20 level. As such, we are pleased to share that in the coming year, we will be taking a "CPI holiday" and forgo any annual fee increase. Council determined this was an appropriate course of action because we are making good progress toward our resources and reserves goals, and have sufficient funds to provide quality service to Members including the work of the Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee, research funding on key education issues and enhanced terms and conditions training and support for our upcoming provincial and local negotiations. Our regular membership fee will therefore remain unchanged at \$1,232. The rebate amount payable to OPC Districts will also remain the same at \$125 per Member, with each District receiving a minimum amount payable for 50 Members.

F.I. Teacher Retention and Developing the French Immersion Online Module

In response to some of the challenges facing FSL leaders, the OPC and CPCO have designed a [5-hour online module](#) to support Members. From July 6-17, participants will explore leadership strategies and ways to mitigate issues identified in research regarding the development of the French immersion program. The fee for this opportunity is subsidized through a government funded FSL Project managed by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and space is limited. Registration deadline is June 22

Media

- [B.C. teachers raise alarm about returning to classrooms](#)
- [How parents can talk to their children about anti-black racism](#)

- [Government boosts rural internet as part of school re-opening plans](#)
- [B.C. looks at including more Black history in school curriculum](#)
- [What will school look like in the fall? Depends where you are](#)
- [Black youth say it's time for real action from government](#)
- [Kids will need recess more than ever when they return to school](#)
- [Pandemic and labour disruption raise questions about value of report cards](#)
- [Parents of high needs children holding on by a thread](#)

Queen's Park

The House sat for two days last week. There were no questions to the Education Minister.