

President's Message

March 13, 2020

Well, it's been quite a week! Quite a year actually. Through months of labour disruptions, you've been asked to take on more responsibilities, answer lots of questions from students and parents, support your staff and try to keep your school operating as normally as possible.

And now the coronavirus has caused the government to announce the closure of all our schools for two weeks. No doubt you spent today trying to figure out the logistics around this latest announcement. While we have heard the Minister say that he has plans for continued learning during this time, we don't have any further details about what those plans may be. When they are announced, we will share them with you as quickly as possible.

During this time, we encourage you to follow the direction and advice of your school board and of your local public health unit, and to encourage your school community to do the same. We are not medical professionals. We can share information but it is not our role or responsibility to be delivering medical advice.

We don't know what the next few weeks will hold, but I do hope each of you can take some time next week to rest and recharge during March Break. You deserve it. Please keep yourself and your families safe.

We are presently working on plans to manage our OPC office during this time. When those plans are finalized we will send you an update, and will post it on our website and social media accounts. Please continue to check your messages for updates as this is a very fluid time and there may be other changes ahead. Be assured that although not business as usual, we will continue to ensure our Members' needs are being met during these difficult times.

Thank you for your extraordinary efforts this year.

Be well, take care and stay safe.