President’s Message

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Register Survey
We’ve been delivering our professional magazine, *The Register*, to you for over 20 years, and would now like your input about it. Do you still want a magazine? In print or online? How often? What sections are the most helpful to you? Please take a few minutes to provide us with your feedback so we can continue to offer a valuable resource to you. Each OPC Member may respond to the survey one time. It will remain open until Sunday March 22. We hope you can find a few minutes to give us your input.

Keeping You Informed – Professional Learning
Our Professional Learning Team will be bringing together 20 Members to gain insight into Members’ professional learning needs. This focus group will meet on May 14 at the OPC offices and will be made up of OPC Members who represent the diversity of our membership in terms of region, panel, role, years of experience, gender and other characteristics with which they identify. If you are interested in submitting your name, please review the focus group information and complete the expression of interest form by March 27.

Twitter Chat
Our next Twitter chat will take place this Thursday March 12 from 8:00-9:00 pm EST. The topic will be Motivation Matters. To take part, sign into Twitter at 8:00 pm, enter #OPCchat in the search Twitter box in the upper right corner, introduce yourself once the moderator joins and include #OPCchat with all your comments. We hope you can join us!

Media
- Premier accuses teachers of holding province hostage
- Underfunded schools turning to international tuition for help
- Labour issues obscured by rhetoric, statistics and spin
- Support workers feeling forsaken by union
- How will this labour standoff actually end?
- Schools role in slowing spread of coronavirus
- Government climbs down on class sizes and changes e-learning requirements
- Invest in early childhood education or risk falling behind
Queen’s Park
There were questions in the House last week about releasing the results of the government’s public consultations, boards putting staffing decisions on hold, e-learning, capital funding for school repairs, funding for mental health and addiction services, new proposals for online learning, government position on strike issues, cost of child care, ongoing labour strikes, funding for autism treatment and class sizes for e-learning.