

President's Message

May 19, 2020

Ministry Updates

Today the government announced that [schools will remain closed](#) until September. All students who were on track to graduate from secondary school before the initial closure will be able to graduate and all students will receive report cards. Discussions are underway for a safe school re-opening in September, and the details of that plan will be available by the end of June. The Minister also said that school boards will have to put in place plans to allow students to enter schools to pick up their personal belongings. We recognize that this last point will represent another source of work for you in the midst of what is already a very busy time. We welcome your feedback about how this can be appropriately managed and will continue our advocacy on your behalf with our partners at PCODE, OPSOA and the ministry.

Register Online

The summer 2020 issue of *The Register* is [now online](#)! As part of your professional learning, we hope you enjoy this issue's articles about Designing Schools of the Future, Seeking Reconciliation Champions, the Risks of Vaping, Principal Well-Being and more. It will remain posted online on our website as well. Happy Reading!

AQ Program Lead Positions

We are seeking highly qualified recently retired OPC Members or Associates as program leads for three of our Additional Qualification Programs. The program lead is responsible for ensuring the program content is current and in compliance with the OCT guidelines and acts as a liaison with the local school board representatives, the program facilitators and the OPC staff. We are accepting applications for the following positions:

- Special Education for Administrators Qualification Program Lead – [Apply by May 20](#)
- Education Law Qualification Program Lead – [Apply by May 21](#)
- Mentoring Qualification Program Lead – [Apply by May 28](#)

Media

- [Schools to remain closed until September](#)
- [Synchronous learning – teachers express concerns about hacking and lack of privacy](#)
- [One-third of students have doubts about returning to postsecondary this fall](#)
- [Canada could face a mental health epidemic after COVID-19](#)
- [Students will pay the price as postsecondary education goes online](#)

- [ETFO opposes mandatory live video conferencing](#)
- [The parents are not okay](#)
- [Connection, not real-time teaching is priority for crisis education](#)
- [Poor internet connections in rural areas making online learning difficult](#)

Queen's Park

The House sat for [one day last week](#) to conduct business related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and measures Ontario will take to respond to the pandemic while preparing to get the economy up and running again, in distanced stages.