

President's Message

May 25, 2020

Ministry Updates

Last week the ministry released [Ontario's Framework for Continued Learning](#) with information about plans for the 2020-21 school year, summer learning, access to learning, delivery methods for learning and supporting student well-being.

We continue to be part of a Principals' Association Working Group to share with the government your experiences and advice on how to best support the current learning environment and plan for September's reopening. Please continue to share your information with your local Councillors, who participate in weekly Zoom meetings with our Senior Staff, which in turn inform these meetings. People For Education has asked the government to set up a task force to provide additional advice, input and expertise from the education sector for the eventual re-opening of schools. We are supportive of this request and would welcome the opportunity to join other education stakeholders at this table.

[OSBIE has released another memo](#) with advice about graduation drive-by parades, posting graduation signs, non-board sanctioned events and re-scheduling celebrations when it is safe to do so.

ONE-T Benefits Plan

Last week you received [a communication from ONE-T](#) advising that our benefits plan has experienced more claims than expected since its inception and, as a result, changes must be made to ensure the plan's ongoing sustainability. ONE-T, through its Trustees, is an independent entity that became responsible for the delivery of benefits to principals and vice-principals in April 2018. Under trust law, it has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Trust and manage the plan in the best interests of all of us, within the government funding constraints. These changes are scheduled to take place September 1, 2020. If you have questions about the changes, I encourage you to reach out to info@one-t.ca and it will be able to provide you with further information.

Student Leadership Award Plaques

The Student Leadership Award small plaques are now scheduled to be shipped in September. Should you require a plaque for June graduation, please contact Brad Harris at bharris@principals.ca to arrange for it to be shipped to your home. The shipping of large plaques has also been delayed until September. Additional small and large plaques may still be ordered through our [online store](#). If you have any questions or require further information, Brad would be happy to assist.

Additional Qualification Program Lead Positions

We are seeking recently retired individuals as program leads. The 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. Applications are being accepted for the [Mentoring Qualification Program Lead](#) (due May 28), the [Supervisory Officer's Qualification Program](#) (due June 10) and the [FSL Project](#) (due June 4).

Media

- [OPC joins call for education task force to plan for re-opening of schools](#)
- [What's it like to miss your last semester of high school](#)
- [Can we keep kids distant in school amid COVID-19?](#)
- [Debate continues over best way to teach online](#)
- [OECTA calls on government to suspend standardized tests until 2022](#)
- [Accessibility advocate calls for removal of online barriers for students with disabilities](#)
- [Zoom fatigue – how video conferencing leaves you feeling tired](#)
- [What will daycares look like when they re-open?](#)

Queen's Park

There was a question in the House last week about the [government's plan for learning until September](#).