

# President's Message

May 4, 2020

## Our Virtual Learning Continues

While you continue to work from home, our Professional Learning department is working hard to provide you with opportunities to continue your learning from home as well.

We're offering free one-hour webinars on Tuesday May 5 at 3:00 pm EST with [Drew Dudley](#), who will talk about Self Respect: The Foundation of Leadership, and on [Social Media](#) on Thursday May 14 at 1:00 pm EST. Free workshops, webinars or group discussions are taking place daily at 8:00 am EST. Visit our [Just in Time page](#) for new offerings. Members can access recordings of our past webinar sessions until June 30 on our [webinar recordings page](#).

## Program Lead Positions

We are seeking highly qualified educators (recently retired OPC Members or Associates and practising principals) as program leads or facilitators for our Additional Qualification Programs. We are accepting applications for our [Special Education for Administrators Qualification Program Lead](#) (due May 19), the [Education Law Qualification Program Lead](#) (due May 21) and facilitators for our primarily online [Principal's Development Program](#) (due May 19).

## We Want to Hear From You

We continue to hear incredible stories of your support of students and staff during these unusual times, and have seen many uplifting tweets from educators reaching out to students to let them know how much they are missed. We know that many of you are working longer days and in very trying circumstances in support of the Learn At Home program. We have weekly calls with the Ministry, the Directors and Supervisory Officials associations, and want to be able to share current information about what is working well (best practices) as well as challenges. We also welcome your thinking about how we'll manage tasks that still lie ahead including report cards and how to successfully transition back into our schools when it is safe to do so. If you would like to share your thoughts, please send them to me or to your Provincial Councillor.

## Media

- [Growing number of overwhelmed parents and unengaged children drop distance learning](#)
- [Face-to-face learning could change when students return to class](#)
- [Ontario and Quebec take different paths to re-open province](#)
- [Kids are learning online – but are they safe?](#)

- [Canadian research projects collecting data on when schools could re-open](#)
- [Video conferencing with students? Maintain professional boundaries online](#)

## **Queen's Park**

The House has been adjourned until May 12.