

President's Message

November 5, 2019

Join Us in 2021 for the International Confederation of Principals Conference

We're thrilled to be hosting the ICP World Convention in August 2021, in partnership with our principal partners CPCO and ADFO. Want a sneak peak of what to expect? [Watch our video](#) and put this event on your calendar.

Keeping You In Touch - AGM and Annual Report

On October 24, we held our Annual General Meeting in conjunction with our Provincial Council meeting. We know that many of you were not able to attend given the timing, so we [video recorded the meeting](#) for you to watch. A copy of the [Annual Report](#) is also available on our website for your review and information.

P4E Report

Today People for Education released a report entitled [Supporting Students' Mental Health](#). Data collected from principals across Ontario shows that more students are struggling with mental health issues and that the volume and severity of those issues are making it difficult for us to fulfill our roles as instructional leaders. Many principals expressed concern that students' challenges were beyond the training and capacity of educators and staff, and stressed the need for increased in-school supports, including mental health professionals to work with students, collaborate with educators or run schoolwide initiatives. This report and data are important additions to the work we are doing advocating for increased supports to students and schools.

The report is also another example that the data collected by People for Education in its Annual Ontario School Survey helps ensure that policy-makers and the public have an accurate picture of the successes and challenges occurring in our schools. This year's survey is now available [online](#). The number of challenges, policy and funding changes you are facing make this survey especially important. If you have any questions, please email asia@peopleforeducation.ca.

Media

- [Survey shows hundreds of public high school teachers laid off so far](#)
- [OSSTF to be in legal strike position by mid-November](#)
- [ETFO members vote 90% in favour of strike vote](#)
- [English course will only include books by Indigenous authors](#)

- [Autism panel recommends re-write of controversial program](#)

- [Cellphone ban set to take place in schools](#)
- [Teens who self-harm at increased risk of hospitalization and suicide](#)
- [School dealing with bullying by fostering talk and trust](#)
- [Healthy neighbourhoods are the antidote to gun crime](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House last week about [teacher job losses](#), [class size caps](#), [loss of child care spaces](#), [needs-based autism](#) and [support for vaccination programs](#).