

# President's Message

## October 28, 2019

### Council Highlights

Last week we held our first Provincial Council meeting of the school year, welcomed our local leaders and T&C reps, held our AGM and hosted our Annual Awards Dinner. It was a busy but very productive three days of learning, listening and sharing. Council Highlights will be sent out to all Members later in the week.

### Virtual Focus Group Opportunity

All OPC Members are invited to [participate in a 60-minute virtual focus group](#) on November 15 or 26 to help shape our future direction. One of our strategic priorities is to develop, provide and support a variety of relevant accessible and locally customized professional learning opportunities, based on your needs, feedback and job demands. This virtual session will allow you to participate in discussions to help us better understand your needs in terms of content and format. We hope you will take part.

### Have you moved? Been promoted?

Have you received a promotion, been reassigned, changed schools or boards? It is important that the information we have about you is up-to-date so we can continue to communicate with you. It also gives us accurate statistical data on P/VP positions. If anything has changed, please log in to [our website](#) using your OPC number and password (use the "Forgot Password" link in the top right corner if necessary), click on the "My profile" button at the top right corner, access your membership information and make changes to your personal profile.

### Survey - Understanding the Nature of Principals' Work

If haven't already done so, we invite you to take part in a survey about your work and well-being. You received an email directly inviting you to participate from Qualtrics on October 11. The survey will further investigate the status of your health and well-being, explore strategies to cope with work-related stress and burnout and provide recommendations/tools on how to enhance coping skills and develop physical and mental resilience at work. The results will provide evidence to inform policies that impact our work. The survey is open until November 1. Please contact Dr. Katina Pollock at [kpolloc7@uwo.ca](mailto:kpolloc7@uwo.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

### Media

- [Government offers to lower class sizes to 25 during negotiations](#)
- [OSSTF rejects government proposal to walk back class sizes](#)
- [Minister says reduced class size proposal not final position](#)
- [Young people find inspiration in Greta Thunberg's climate cause](#)
- [Government cuts funding for PRO grants](#)

- [Young Canadians suing government over climate change](#)
- [CBC surveys youth about violence in schools](#)
- [Government pledges to be “on better behaviour” as House resumes](#)

## **Queen’s Park**

The House resumed sitting today.