



President's Message

May 17, 2021

When Are You Planning to Retire?

To share data with ministry officials, support planning for recruitment and retention efforts and assist with our provincial negotiations, we'd like to have a data-driven snapshot of your plans for retirement. Please complete [this short poll](#) identifying what year you plan to retire, if your original retirement date has changed and if so, why. The poll is open to Members until midnight EST Monday May 24. Thank you for providing this very important information to us.

Call for EDI Sub-Committee Members

The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Advisory Committee is launching two sub-committees focused on Professional Development and Recruitment, Retention and Advancement. Interested Members are invited to [learn more about each sub-committee and complete these forms](#) if you are interested in joining either one. Representation from around the province will be selected by members of the EDI Advisory Committee. Expressions of interest will be accepted until Monday May 31.

Last Twitter Chat of the Year and Book Giveaway

This week we'll be hosting our last Member-led Twitter chat of the year. It will take place Thursday May 20 at 8:00 pm EST. The topic will be Planning for the Next School Year and Finding Harmony in the Summer. We'll be giving away the book *Collective Student Efficacy Developing Independent and Inter-Dependent Learners* by John Hattie, Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey and Shirley Clarke to one participant of the chat. Hope you can join us!

Call for Proposals: One-Day Conference

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FSL Project Work Released

The [French as a Second Language \(FSL\) Labour Market Partnership](#) project's final executive summaries and full report are now available. Of particular interest for Members is the *Supporting Principals to Address Challenges in Retention and Professional Support of FSL*

Teachers [report](#). It outlines the work done over the past year and proposes some next steps to support school leaders.

Media

- [Kids in crisis – Ontario’s overloaded mental health system](#)
- [Government wants TVO to commercialize online learning](#)
- [Students choosing 5th year of high school as pandemic interrupts learning](#)
- [Dr. Kyle Lowry’s message – how will you pay it forward?](#)
- [Graduating teacher candidates rush to write math competency test](#)
- [International students face uncertainty as province pushes for entry ban](#)
- [Students push for safe in-person graduation ceremonies](#)

Queen’s Park

There were questions in the House last week about [investments in child care](#), [incidents of anti-Asian racism](#) and [plan to re-open schools](#).

The government announced [funding to school boards](#) to combat anti-Asian racism and discrimination by supporting equity programs and initiatives to help students learn in more inclusive classrooms.