



President's Message

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Spring Issue of The Register Now Available Online

Our spring 2021 issue of *The Register* is [now available online](#). In this issue we touch on reframing our thinking on emergency learning, why music matters, a perspective from the introverted principal and highlights about our upcoming virtual summer learning opportunities. We hope you enjoy this issue and find it professionally helpful. Missed a past issue? Visit [our website](#) for archived issues. Interested in writing an article for consideration? View our [submissions and due date information](#) and send articles to lromanese@principals.ca

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.

Long-term Disability (LTD) Coverage End Dates

Under the OPC Benefits plan, there are five LTD options, LTD1-LTD5. Your eligibility for the option you have chosen is subject to certain eligibility timelines.

- LTD1, 2 and 5 – you are covered until the date you are eligible for a 70% unreduced pension (generally after 35 years of qualifying service)
- LTD3 and 4 – you are eligible until the date you reach your 85 factor (age plus working experience), age 65 or the date you retire.

It is your responsibility to notify us of your pension eligibility, as we do not have access to that information. Premium deductions will continue until we receive written notice that you have reached your pension eligibility, retirement date or age 65, and wish to terminate your coverage. Premiums are non-refundable.

You can confirm your eligibility by visiting the [Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan website](#). Your LTD option is shown on your benefits profile, which can be accessed on [our website](#) by clicking on “My Profile” in the upper right corner of the homepage (login is required). If you have or will soon reach any of the above pension eligibility dates, complete and return the [Application to Terminate Insurance Coverage form](#) and provide the required documents to support the request for termination, as applicable. For additional information, please contact us at opcbenefits@principals.ca.

Media

- [Some schools could re-open in June with a manageable increase in cases](#)
- [Speaker's series will add Indigenous culture and history](#)
- [Student calls for stop to quadmesters](#)
- [Hybrid learning faces strong opposition from union](#)
- [Challenges of online learning for students with special needs](#)
- [It's time for immediate action for kids in crisis](#)
- [Should vaccines be mandatory for school staff?](#)
- [The convenience of hybrid learning comes at a cost](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House about [cuts to funding for the education sector](#), [accreditation for Christian College](#), [lack of meetings between Minister and teacher unions](#), [equity issues in schools](#), [re-opening outdoor physical activities for children and youth](#), [plans for remainder of school year for students](#), [equity improvements in education system](#) and [government plans for online learning and funding](#).