



President's Message

May 3, 2021

National Principal's Day

Last Friday we used our [Twitter account](#) to highlight, promote and celebrate [National Principal's Day](#). You can see all our tweets through the #NationalPVPDay hashtag. We want to thank the 16 principals and vice-principals who agreed to take part. While we couldn't include a P/VP from every board in this first initiative, it is the start of a campaign that we will continue over the coming school year.

We also took out a [full page ad in the Toronto Star](#) to publicly highlight the role of principals and vice-principals, one many people don't fully understand or appreciate. This was part of our advocacy efforts to promote the path to administration and what you do in schools every day on behalf of your students, and to show our support for public education.

Vaccination Availability for all P/VPs

This morning, the ministry [released an update](#) on who is now eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations. It includes "...remaining elementary and secondary school workers." This includes all principals and vice-principals. If your local public health unit is not recognizing you under this definition, please let us know. You may also want to share this release with them.

Recovery Plan Shared with Ministry

As school leaders, we are always planning for the future to better support our students and staff. This has never been truer as we navigate the pandemic and plan for our emergence from it. In collaboration with our partner principal organizations, we submitted a [Learning Recovery Plan](#) for discussion with ministry staff in March and discussed the plan directly with Minister Lecce. While we can't control how the pandemic unfolds, we can recognize and recommend appropriate practices to address the inequities it has created for many of our students, while championing ways we believe will support all.

Starling Minds Webinar Series

We are pleased to announce a new 6-week webinar series hosted by Starling Minds under the new Mental Health Fitness program. The webinars will take place each Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 pm EST starting tomorrow, Tuesday May 4. Hosted by Dr. Andrew Miki, the webinars will include an Introduction to the Mental Fitness program, a detailed plan of how to build good mental therapy habits and best practices and a private community forum to interact with your peers and learn collectively. [Learn more about the program](#) and how to register.

Media

- [Hope wanes that kids will return to class before end of school year](#)
- [Should Ontario scrap elected school boards?](#)
- [Mental and physical impact of Covid-19 on educators focus of study](#)
- [Vaccine eligibility expanded to child care workers](#)
- [Ontario names first poet laureate](#)
- [Doctors advise parents to pay attention to their children's mental health](#)
- [Damage control – how government reacted to large class sizes](#)
- [Government extending tuition freeze for universities and colleges](#)

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House last week about [closure of Syl Aps Youth Centre](#), [ending the lockdown](#) and [moratorium on insolvency for Laurentian university](#).