

President's Message

November 2, 2020

OPC Census

There is one week left for you to participate in our OPC Census, which has been extended until **November 9**. We want every Member to be represented. Tell us who you are, how you self-identify and how we can work to support your needs. The link for the Census was sent to every Member via a special President's Message email on **October 12**. If you have not yet done so, please take 5-10 minutes to complete it. We need your input to help us continue our work around equity, diversity and inclusion. The Census is open to Members only, including those on paid sick leave, statutory leaves or LTD. If you have any technical issues, please email support@principals.ca.

E-Book Licences Available for Members

Through a ministry-funded project, our service partner Principal Association Projects (PAP) has purchased 1,244 e-book licenses. [The Mindful School Leader](#) will be available through the Vital Source Canada bookshelf. If you are interested in receiving a free license, please complete this [form](#). Instructions to download your free e-book will be emailed to you within 5 business days of your request. Requests will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. Any inquiries can be sent to [Brad Harris](#).

OSBIE webinars

This week, OSBIE will be hosting a number of 30-60 minute free webinars for educators on risk management. As employees of district school boards, who are in turn members of OSBIE, these opportunities are available to you. Sessions will be held on Pandemic Coverage, Claim Implications of Unattended Schools, Liability, Equipment Breakdown Insurance, Conflict Resolution, Water Leak Detection, Duty to Accommodate Students During COVID-19, Ethical Decision-Making in a Crisis and Unplugging from a Culture of Constant Distraction. [Find out more](#) or contact Jolene Perry, Member Services Coordinator at jolenep@osbie.on.ca for assistance.

Queen's Park

There were questions in the House last week about [degree granting for Canada Christian College](#), [mental health support for education workers](#), [collapsed classes due to pandemic](#), [additional supports to boards during pandemic](#) and [lack of supports for autism](#).

MPP Daryl Kramp (PC) introduced Bill 216, [Food Literacy for Students Act](#). It would require that curriculum be developed in food literacy education and healthy eating for students in grades 1-12, including providing opportunities for students to grow, prepare and learn about local foods.

Media

- [Nurses hired to assist with pandemic not working in schools or classrooms](#)
- [Re-thinking how to evaluate students during a pandemic](#)
- [Why high school history is going through a mind shift](#)
- [Youth warn of second pandemic around systemic racism](#)
- [Private learning pods sprout up to support virtual learners](#)
- [Parents rethink screen time during pandemic](#)
- [After 2 months, what we know and don't know about school safety](#)
- [Parent groups launch online consultation on pandemic education plan to date](#)
- [Teachers are burning out from pandemic](#)