How OPSBA Supports Trustees and School Boards

OPSBA PES 2019
The Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) represents public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario, which together serve more than 1.2 million public elementary and secondary students.

The Association advocates on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public school system in Ontario.
OPSBA is seen as the credible voice of public education in Ontario and is often called on by the provincial government for input and advice on legislation and the impact of government policy directions.
OPSBA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that provides a strong and united voice for public education.

A demonstrated ability to collectively influence education policy and investment in the children and youth of Ontario, and beyond.

Being governed by our Member Boards and School Authorities allows us to promote and enhance public education by helping them fulfil their mandates to their students, parents, staff and community.
OPSBA Governance Structure

- Board of Directors - 31 school boards / 3 school authorities and 6 Section 68 schools

- Executive Council
  - Steering Committee for Collective Bargaining

- Work Teams – Policy Development and Education Program

- Indigenous Trustees’ Council

- Regional Representation – 5 regions

- Member of the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA)
OPSBA Executive (2018-2019)

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Cathy Abraham

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2nd VP
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Executive Director
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OPSBA’s Five Multi-Year Priorities

• The Whole Child and Student Well-being for Today and Tomorrow

• Advancing Reconciliation: First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education

• Trustees as Leaders in Public Education

• Education Funding

• Labour Relations
Advocacy and Action – Recent Examples

December 14, 2018 - OPSBA Submission Regarding 2019-20 Education Funding

December 12, 2018 - OPSBA Submission to Ministry of Education's Consultation: Education in Ontario

December 11, 2018 - OPSBA Letter to Minister Thompson in support of OSTA-AECO

November 14, 2018 - OPSBA Submission re: Bill 47, Making Ontario Open for Business Act, 2018

October 11, 2018 - OPSBA Submission re: Bill 36, Cannabis Statue Law Amendment Act, 2018

August 23, 2018 - OPSBA Letter to New AMO President Jamie McGarvey

August 10, 2018 - Second OPSBA Letter to Minister of Education re Health & Physical Education Curriculum

July 25, 2018 - OPSBA Letter to Minister of Education re Health & Physical Education Curriculum

May 24, 2018 - OPSBA Response to Rowan's Law Potential Regulations

April 4, 2018 - OPSBA Response to the New Vision for Student Transportation in Ontario discussion paper

March 23, 2018 - OPSBA Feedback on Draft Revisions to Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline and Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline
The Ontario Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health unites education, mental health, community and health sectors in a movement to promote the priority of social and emotional well-being as a part of healthy child development in Ontario and to make it a priority that drives integrated public policy in the province.
OPSBA continued its advocacy for school boards and trustees with the promotion of Local Government Week which occurred October 15 – 21, 2017. The goal remained to increase youth and public awareness about the important role local government plays in our communities.
In advance of the October 2018 Municipal and School Board Elections, OPSBA staff worked with our Association partners and the Ministry of Education to prepare a wide range of digital and print campaign resources designed to underscore the vital importance of locally elected trustees and promote greater voter participation in elections to school boards.
Welcome to the 2018 Ontario Municipal & School Board Elections website

This site features information about Ontario's School Board Trustees and the 2018 Municipal and School Board Elections. The Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) created this site in partnership with Ontario's school/board trustee associations as a resource for trustee candidates and voters.

Municipal and School Board Elections took place in Ontario on Monday, October 22, 2018.

- A listing of school board trustees for the 2018 - 2022 term is available [here](#).
- Candidate information and election results are posted [here](#).
Resources and Services - Information

- Policy Development
- Education Program Policy
- Legislation and Regulation Monitoring and Analysis
- Government Relations
- Labour Relations and Human Resources
- Education Finance
- Communications and Media Relations
OPSBA Website

Website URL: www.opsba.org

New Term - New Beginning

Education Today's Fall 2018 Issue now available!

Provincial Education Reform Consultation

Public Education Symposium Registration now open

OPSBA Connects – Ontario Education News

Good Governance for School Boards: PD for Trustees
Social Media

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How can you get involved?

- Work Teams
- Regional Meetings
- Government Consultations
- Ad Hoc Committees
- Board of Directors
- Local Trustee Presence
Resources and Services
Professional Development

- OPSBA’s Guide to Good Governance 2018-2022
- The 2019 Public Education Symposium
- 2019 Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium
- Regional Meetings / Northern Regional Meeting and Program
- OPSBA AGM and Program
- CSBA Congress
OntarioSchoolTrustees.org

Comprehensive professional growth opportunities to support an educated, informed and influential membership through training modules.
10 Good Reasons Why School Boards Belong in OPSBA

1. Effective advocacy on issues that make a difference for students: education funding, child care, Indigenous education, children and youth mental health, special education, transportation, and school accommodation reviews

2. High quality professional development opportunities for school trustees

3. Media relations, social media and information services support on key issues

4. United and credible voice in advocacy and action in legislative and policy changes
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5. Democratic environment and responsiveness to member board needs

6. Access to energy savings and other education services through OPSBA’s partnership with the Ontario Education Services Corporation

7. Practical support for complying with legislative and regulatory changes

8. Strategic relations with education partners across Ontario and Canada

9. Effective leadership in collective bargaining

10. OPSBA is a respected source of consultation by the Provincial Government for education initiatives
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