

May 5, 2023

Memorandum to: Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

From: Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education

Subject: Celebrating the Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort

As previously announced by Premier Doug Ford, Ontario will celebrate the upcoming coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty the Queen. This will mark the first coronation of a Canadian Head of State in seven decades. As such, we are encouraging that the people of Ontario, including students and school staff, take part in celebrating this historic event.

School boards should use this historic occasion of the coronation of our new King to enhance students' knowledge and understanding of the Crown in Canada. It is an opportunity to learn about the history of our parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy, while also highlighting themes that both the King and Canadians' hold dear, such as service to our communities, our country and our nation's diversity.

To commemorate the King's Coronation, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford, Speaker Ted Arnott, and Indigenous leaders will hold a flag raising ceremony, a 21-gun salute, and drum circle at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 at Queen's Park. The ceremony will also include a special presentation of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

Members of the public are invited to attend. The event will also be available to view province-wide via livestream on the [Government of Ontario YouTube Channel](#).

Following the ceremony, 'Coronation Celebration: A Fun Royal Fair' will be held on the South Lawn of Queen's Park from noon to 6 p.m. Free family fun activities will include carnival rides and live entertainment. A 'Taste of Ontario' will provide complimentary food and beverages from Ontario farmers and processors. The Coronation Celebration is open to the public, free of charge.

Extending the celebrations across the province, 10 major cultural attractions will offer free admission for day use on May 6:

1. [Art Gallery of Ontario](#)
2. [Fort William Historical Park](#)
3. [McMichael Canadian Art Collection](#)
4. Niagara Parks' [Butterfly Conservatory](#) and [Floral Showhouse](#)
5. [Ontario Science Centre](#)
6. [Royal Botanical Gardens](#)
7. [Royal Ontario Museum](#)
8. [Sainte-Marie among the Hurons](#)
9. [Science North](#)
10. [Upper Canada Village](#)

In addition, 39 provincial parks across Ontario will be open and offer free admission to the public. [Find the list of open parks at Ontario Parks.](#)

We encourage you to share this information with parents, students, and staff in your boards.

Sincerely,

Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education