



Ontario Public School
Boards' Association

Who We Are

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) represents English public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario, which together serve nearly 1.4 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 expert voice of public education in Ontario and is routinely called on by the provincial government for input and advice on legislation and the impact of government policy directions.

MISSION

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) advocates for public education in Ontario.

VISION

OPSBA will be public education's expert voice, promoting a high-quality system, focused on improving every student's success and well-being.

VALUES

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Truth and Reconciliation
- Student Voice
- Quality and Innovation
- Positive Labour Relations
- Environmental Stewardship
- Good Governance





OPSBA PRIORITIES FOR 2024-25

Student Success, Equity, and Well-Being

OPSBA promotes and advances high-quality, equitable, and inclusive learning environments to support student success and well-being.

Truth and Reconciliation

OPSBA develops and strengthens relationships to facilitate access to programs, resources, and supports for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students that reflect the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

Local School Board Governance

OPSBA supports the role and leadership of local, democratically elected school boards in Ontario's English public education system.

Effective Relationships and Sustainable Resourcing


OPSBA works with members, partners, the government and federations/unions to ensure that fiscal and human resources match school board needs and priorities.

OPSBA'S SERVICE AREAS

OPSBA serves its Member Boards through its expertise and provincial work in the following areas:

- Education Program Policy
- Policy Development
- Legislation and Regulation Monitoring and Analysis
- Government Relations
- Communications and Media Relations
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Labour Relations and Human Resources
- Education Finance
- Networking and Facilitation
- Conference, Meeting and Event Coordination
- Professional Development and Issues Awareness

For more information on any of the above, visit www.opsba.org, email inquiry@opsba.org or call 416-340-2540.





CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Rich professional development is critical to supporting trustees in their public education advocacy role and as informed decision makers. OPSBA symposia, provincial and regional meetings, workshops and seminars for trustees and board employees focus on key education issues.

OPSBA SCHEDULED EVENTS – 2024-25

2025 Public Education Symposium (PES)

This annual symposium offers a unique and rich combination of information and resources: guest speakers who are recognized experts in their field, forums and plenary sessions that raise the most critical issues of the day, and access to experienced and dedicated professionals.

WHEN: January 24 and 25, 2025

WHERE: at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto

2025 Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium

OPSBA's annual Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium is held each spring and designed to provide professional development in the areas of labour relations and human resources to trustees, Directors of Education, senior human resources officials and labour relations staff.

WHEN: May 1 and 2, 2025

WHERE: at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto

2025 OPSBA Annual Meeting and Program

At OPSBA's Annual Meeting, members determine priorities and directions for the coming year, elect officers and plan for the future. The event also offers a comprehensive professional development program for trustees.

WHEN: June 12 to 14, 2025

WHERE: at the Queen's Landing Hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake

Regional Council Meetings

Regional Council Meetings offer trustees and administrators opportunities to exchange information and keep current on relevant local and provincial issues. The workshop-style meetings encourage trustees to explore practical and political issues and develop positions and solutions that are locally sensitive. Each Region holds a meeting in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, and additional meetings are held at a local board in the Region throughout the year.

Common meetings in all Regions are scheduled for **October 2024, January 2025, and April 2025**. For more information visit www.opsba.org/events-and-publications.





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