

May 1 is National Principal's Day



Together, the principals' associations represent more than **8,200** principals and vice-principals across the province. Their leadership is essential to the success of our public education system. Active in every aspect of school life, principals play a critical role in supporting student achievement, fostering safe and inclusive learning environments and sustaining the vitality of our school communities.

Why are principals and vice-principals so important in schools?

According to research,

- We directly influence student learning outcomes, promoting academic success.¹
- Our leadership significantly impacts high school graduation rates and provincial assessments.²
- We influence all students in a school, with the average principal impacting 483 students.³
- Engaging in equity-focussed leadership, we improve outcomes for marginalized students.⁴



Thank you

to all principals and vice-principals for your dedication, passion, commitment, resilience and diligence. You make a difference every day for all our students!

What do Ontario principals say about their jobs?

I lead in the face of complexity, resistance or intolerance to ensure belonging and ethical decision making.

I ensure that our school's literacy curriculum includes texts that reflect our students' diverse backgrounds, experiences and cultures.

Every decision is guided by my commitment to student success.

I am committed to building genuine relationships and setting high expectations for all students.

This is one of the most important jobs in the world and I am so lucky to be able to do it!



¹Lee, M., Walker, A., & Riordan, G., (2021)

²Coelli, M., & Green, D., (2012)

³Grissom, J. A., Egalite, A. J., & Lindsay, C. A. (2021)

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