



## Statement – Back to School

September 5, 2023

As two million students return to public schools in Ontario, principals and vice-principals across the province look forward to welcoming students and staff back for another productive and successful year.

Teaching and learning have experienced significant change over the past several years requiring many revisions, adaptations and adjustments. During this time principals and vice-principals have been at the forefront of leading and implementing this change. This has led to additional workload, extra responsibilities and heightened stress-related challenges, which has negatively impacted the well-being of our school leaders.

The Ontario Principals' Council, representing 5,400 principals and vice-principals in the province's publicly funded schools, calls on the government, Ministry of Education and school boards across the province to make the well-being of our school leaders a priority. There must be adequate resources and supports offered and available to those who continue to work on leading safe, inclusive and supportive learning and working environments that help every student meet their full potential.

We wish our students, their families and our education workers a safe, happy and productive year ahead.