

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR COLLEAGUES,



As we celebrate the joyous season of Easter, we are reminded of the hope, renewal, and grace that Christ's resurrection brings to our lives. This time of reflection and renewal calls us to embrace our shared mission of fostering an environment where faith, education, and service to others are at the heart of all we do.

The Easter season is a powerful reminder of the selfless service that Jesus demonstrated, and it invites us to reflect on how we can continue to serve with love, compassion, and humility. In our roles, we are called to exemplify this spirit of service through our dedication to the students, staff, and communities we support through our work. This work ensures that our schools not only provide an excellent education but also embody the values of stewardship, charity, and care for others.

As the Gospel of Matthew reminds us, "He is not here; for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay." (Matthew 28:6). In the resurrection of Christ, we find the ultimate example of new life and hope, and it calls us to serve others in the same spirit of renewal and love.

May the Easter season bring peace and blessings to you and your families, and may it inspire you as you continue your important work in service to our Catholic schools. Your dedication and service ensure that our Catholic schools thrive and uphold the values that guide us.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter.

Wijka Zlomislic President OCSBOA

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This year we have created a members only section on the OCSBOA website.



CONFERENCE UPDATE

In this issue you will find all the details on our yearly conference.



WEBINARS

OCSBOA has launched monthly webinars for our members. Join each month for a lunch and learn session.





MEMBERS ONLY

OCSBOA has created a members only section on our website. In this section you will find curated content, webinar recordings, and members only information about upcoming events.

Soon we hope to offer contact information about our members so you can reach out to your colleagues at other boards to collaborate and share information and best practices.

Please click below to view this new section.

WEBINARS

OCSBOA has initiated Lunch and Learn sessions this year.

These are members only sessions. Invites are sent out about 1 month in advance and are always recorded and posted in our members only section of the OCSBOA website.

If you have a request or have an idea for a session you could offer our members please contact us at the email below.

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CONFERENCE UPDATE

71ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 24–26, 2025

NAVIGATING CHANGE, EMPOWERING GROWTH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: KALEB DAHLGREN QUEENS LANDING CONFERENCE CENTRE



Kaleb Dahlgren is a Canadian gem. He is an inspiring community leader, mental wellness advocate, and survivor. Kaleb has an inexplicable ability to connect with any audience as he invites them to revisit the challenges of his past and share the valuable lessons he has learned from them.

From a young age, Kaleb has been forced to be resilient. His hockey career was threatened before it started with a diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes at four years old. Yet Kaleb proved his doctors and coaches wrong by going on to play hockey at an elite level. During his career, he played for the Humboldt Broncos – a team that made national news when their bus collided with a transport truck. The accident took away 16 lives and left only 13 survivors, many of them with lifelong injuries. Kaleb is one of the survivors.

Once he recovered, Kaleb returned to the ice to play for York University's varsity hockey team. While at York, he earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree as Valedictorian, Magna Cum Laude, and Varsity Athletics Male Graduate of the Year in April 2021. Currently, Kaleb is pursuing his dream of becoming a chiropractor at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College.

Kaleb is passionate about community service and team-building. He is the National Ambassador for two non-profit organizations, and the founder of his own, Dahlgren's Diabeauties – a mentorship program developed to help connect children with Type 1 diabetes to role models that can help provide guidance and support. Kaleb's work and dedication to helping others have been recognized nationally with honours, including the 2023 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for Community Impact.

Between his busy schedule, Kaleb focuses on his personal growth, wellness and health while constantly seeking new challenges and experiences!

A one-of-a-kind individual, Kaleb cultivates a positive impact wherever he goes.

Conference Documents

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM



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Exciting Seminars Ahead at OCSBOA's Upcoming Event at Queen's Landing

We're thrilled to announce that OCSBOA's next event will be held at the elegant and historic Queen's Landing in Niagara-on-the-Lake. This iconic venue offers the perfect backdrop for learning, networking, and connecting with peers in a relaxed and scenic setting.

This year's seminar lineup is designed to address some of the most timely and relevant topics in our sector. Attendees can look forward to expert-led sessions on the following key areas:

Labour Relations Update

Gain valuable insights into the latest developments and emerging trends in labour relations. This session will help you stay informed and prepared as we navigate changes in the education sector's workforce landscape.

Project Management

From capital projects to everyday operations, effective project management is more essential than ever. This seminar will provide practical tools and strategies to streamline planning, execution, and reporting for school board initiatives.

Attendance Management

Explore innovative approaches and proven practices in managing attendance, supporting staff wellness, and improving overall organizational performance. With increasing focus on absenteeism and mental health, this session will offer timely guidance and solutions.

Whether you're looking to expand your professional knowledge, share ideas with colleagues, or simply enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Queen's Landing, this event promises to deliver.

Stay tuned full agenda—spaces are limited, and you won't want to miss it!



HELPFUL HINTS

Conference Registration Early Bird Prize

This year's conference early bird prize is for laptop stand and a portable bluetooth keyboard.

If you sign up before May 15, 2025 you will be entered into a draw to win these productivity items.





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