NEED TO KNOW

Main Characters in Ontario's Education Scene

O1 MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

THE ONTARIO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OVERSEES AND REGULATES CHILD CARE AND PUBLICLY FUNDED ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN ONTARIO. THEY DEVELOP POLICIES AND CURRICULUM AND ENSURE PROPER DELIVERY OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE.

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SUPERINTENDANTS

SUPERINTENDENTS MANAGE SCHOOLS BY OVERSEEING AREAS SUCH AS CURRICULUM, SCHOOL DISCIPLINE, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION MEETINGS. THEY MAY ALSO BE INVOLVED IN SUSPENSION APPEALS AND OVERSEE GROUPS OF SCHOOLS IN EACH SCHOOL BOARD. 02 TRUSTEE AND SCHOOL

A SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTING PUBLIC INTERESTS, ENSURING SCHOOL BOARD ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ADVOCATING FOR THE COMMUNITY. THEY FOLLOW A CODE OF CONDUCT, FORM A BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND HIRE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION. COMPLAINTS ARE HANDLED BY A THIRD-PARTY OMBUDSMAN.





IN ONTARIO, THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-PRINCIPAL SUPERVISE STUDENTS' COURSES, COURSE INSTRUCTION, AND FACULTY PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. THEY'RE PART OF THE ONTARIO PRINCIPALS COUNCIL AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE SUPERVISORY OFFICER.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN ONTARIO'S SCHOOL BOARDS IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND EDUCATION OFFICER WHO OVERSEES VARIOUS PERSONNEL, INCLUDING SUPERINTENDENTS AND EDUCATION WORKERS. THEY CONSULT WITH THE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION, WHICH REPRESENTS 72 SCHOOL BOARDS IN THE PROVINCE.

06 EDUCATORS



ONTARIO EDUCATORS MUST MEET SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND ARE LIMITED TO TEACHING CERTAIN GRADE LEVELS, REGULATED BY THE EDUCATION ACT AND THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE.

TEACHER'S ROLE

TEACHERS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY IN MOTIVATING AND INSPIRING STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE ACADEMIC AND MENTAL HEALTH GOALS. THEY MUST ALSO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL LEARNING PLAN AND UNDERGO A COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL PROCESS EVERY FOUR YEARS.

Becoming a school board trustee is open to anyone, and it's important to be aware of the candidates in your region. Consider running if you're interested.