

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

We Will: Create Positive, Inclusive Learning Environments, and Maximize Outcomes for Students

CHAIR'S INFORMATION REPORT

TO: Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 11, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: 6.2 a)

SUBJECT: Ontario Public School Boards' Association – Membership Fee

1.0 OPSBA 2018/2018 Membership Fee

- 1.1 The Board is annually invoiced for continued membership in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. The 2018/2019 membership fee is \$47,184.28 which includes 13% HST of \$5,428.28. There was a decrease of \$603.42 in membership fees from 2017/2018.
- 1.2 The standard formula for OPSBA membership fee is \$10,000 (base fee) plus .006748 * Board Administration and Governance Grant (BAGG) from 2016/2017 financial statements (code point 10.67). So AMDSB calculation is \$10,000 plus (.006748 * \$4,705,925) = \$41,756.
- 1.3 Attached is OPSBA's 2017/2018 letter highlighting the benefits of membership in OSPBA.

Randy Wagler
Chair of the Board



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Invoice to:	Avon-Maitland District School Board 62 Chalk Street North Seaforth, Ontario N0K 1W0		
Invoice# 002-18/19	Date: September 01, 2018	HST #10780 0344 RT 0001	
QTY	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
	2018/2019 Membership Fee September 01, 2018 to August 31, 2019 * Final Billing		\$41,756.00
Please make cheque payable to:		Subtotal	\$41,756.00
Ontario Public School Boards' Association		HST @ 13%	\$5,428.28
Terms of Payment : Due upon receipt		Total	\$47,184.28

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TO: Randy Wagler, Board Chair and Lisa Walsh, Director of Education
CC: Cheri Carter, Associate Superintendent of Financial Services & Treasurer

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Trustees and school boards make a significant and direct contribution to the achievement and well-being of all students through their leadership in directing the policies and priorities that shape a collaborative culture of continuous improvement. Supporting these contributions is the Ontario Public School Boards' Association's (OPSBA) primary role.

This past year has been an active one, as we continued work on behalf of all public school boards with a wide variety of education stakeholders across the province and the country. We are ready to work with the newly elected provincial government and the other parties represented in the Legislature. OPSBA staff will be establishing meetings with the new Minister of Education and their staff.

The success of OPSBA is strengthened by the collective commitment of our members to the value of publicly funded education. We appreciate this opportunity to share with you some highlights of our work as an Association that support you in your role and the many benefits OPSBA membership offers our member boards.

The Association is represented on a number of key government working tables. We take pride in the range of successful outcomes resulting from our advocacy and input in many areas that are critical to supporting student achievement and well-being for all students and their families. Some of our accomplishments this year include:

- **Provincial, Municipal and School Board Elections** - OPSBA is again partnering with the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) to coordinate a [series of resources](#) to support trustee candidates and communities for the October 22 Municipal and School Board elections occurring across Ontario. OPSBA also declared May 23 as [Education Day](#) in Ontario in advance of the June 7 provincial election and provided supporting resources as a number of trustees hosted non-partisan Education Day forums, inviting candidates from the major provincial parties to share their party's education platforms.
- **Mental Health and Well-Being** - OPSBA continues in its role as founding member of the [Ontario Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health](#), which hosted the successful 2018 [Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health](#) in April, attracting hundreds of attendees from school boards and community partners. OPSBA and the Coalition's advocacy has led to significant mental health investments in the public education system for 2018-19 and beyond.
- **Equity and Inclusion** - OPSBA is providing ongoing input into the government's implementation of the Equity Action Plan, with equity and inclusion featured as a central focus at the fall 2017 OPSBA work team meetings and the 2018 Public Education Symposium. OPSBA staff and representative trustees advocated

for and participated in a planning committee for trustee professional development in the area of human rights, equity and ethical leadership. These efforts resulted in the creation of an inaugural training session for trustees in the area of human rights, equity and inclusion and provided feedback for improvement.

- **Indigenous Education** - OPSBA's Indigenous Trustees' Council has engaged in a range of initiatives to support the education of Indigenous students, and to ensure all students are educated about the history and culture of Indigenous peoples. Under the guidance of OPSBA, [Module 20](#) of the Trustee Professional Development program was completed, and the Module (A Journey towards Truth and Reconciliation) was released at OPSBA's Public Education Symposium in January 2018.
- **Education Funding** - In 2017-18, OPSBA staff [submitted a brief](#) during the Ministry's consultations regarding the development of the 2018-19 GSN, identifying several areas of advocacy and concern that have been expressed to the Association through consultation with school boards and school authorities including the re-establishment of the Local Priorities Grant, special education, children and youth mental health, administrative funding (including executive compensation) professional development for educators, capital funding/school operating budgets, and technology and digital resources.
- **Labour Relations** - As the designated bargaining agent for all English public school boards in the province, OPSBA's labour relations staff continue to work to systematize both the implementation of current collective agreements and prepare for the next round of bargaining.
- **Northern, Rural and Remote Education** – OPSBA has been working to support a Northern graduation strategy over the past two years. In addition to compiling data, organizing meetings and ongoing communication with the Minister of Education and Ministry staff, OPSBA facilitated the October Northern Region Meeting and Program in Sault Ste. Marie. This meeting focused on an in-depth dialogue with the Minister and staff in areas of equity, special education, well-being, Indigenous education, experiential learning, Specialist High Skills Major programs, as well as differentiated funding, resourcing, programming and services to better support Northern Ontario students and school boards.
- **French as a Second Language (FSL)** - OPSBA is leading the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) [Labour Market Partnership Project](#) with all education partners, including the Ministry of Education, the Ontario College of Teachers and the Deans for the Faculties of Education, to determine recommendations to support increasing the supply pipeline with qualified and language proficient French language teachers. This is a one-year project that can be extended by application to MAESD for approval up to three years.
- **Legislative Submissions** - OPSBA engaged in a wide range of advocacy work, related to the provincial government's legislative and regulatory agenda, including [submissions and letters](#) regarding: Bill 148, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act; Bill 174, Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statue Law; The Sector Engagement regarding Governance-Related Issues; Draft Revisions to the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) and Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline (CPPG); The New Vision for Student Transportation in Ontario; and the Education Accessibility Standard Engagement.

After 15 years, the political landscape in Ontario has changed. With that change comes a renewed emphasis on our priorities, which include stable, predictable funding that supports school operations and ultimately students. In addition to our strong partnerships with the many education-based organizations in Ontario, and beyond, the Association also has a 30-year history of building positive and mutually respectful working relationships with politicians and staff from all parties represented in the Ontario Legislature. These relationships allow us to successfully represent the voice of our public school boards on the many issues that affect our students and communities and will continue to be a strategic component in providing a comprehensive range of services that produces results on behalf of our members.

Our programs and services are highly cost effective. The financial benefits of membership far exceed not only the membership fee itself, but the outcomes that could be achieved by boards acting individually. Working with our partners at the OESC, our interventions on copyright tariffs, natural gas rates and electricity rates have continued to create significant savings for all school boards and cover membership fees many times over. When this is combined with the other benefits created through our coordination and advocacy, the value of membership speaks for itself.

<p>Examples of 2017-18 savings realized for: AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</p>	
<p>Savings in Copyright Fees: \$ 36,440</p>	<p>Savings in Energy Costs: \$ 419,700</p>

The 2018-2019 OPSBA membership fee for your board is \$ 41,756.

You are invited to [review more information](http://www.opsba.org) about the valuable services OPSBA offers your board by visiting www.opsba.org.

We thank you for your continued membership and valued participation in OPSBA this coming year.

Best Regards,



Cathy Abraham
President



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The Ontario Public School Boards' Association represents public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario, which together serve more than 1.2 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 credible 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.

Attachment: Invoice for the 2018-2019 OPSBA membership fee