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The Standard

Protecting the public interest



In this Issue

This edition of The Standard presents the latest in the Great Teaching video series, information about the College's latest professional advisory to its members, online education resources for parents and students, and more.



A Duty to Protect Children

This month, the College released its latest professional advisory, [Duty to Report](#), which provides guidance to teachers on reporting suspected child abuse and neglect.



Who Governs the Teaching Profession?

College members recently elected the seventh College Council, which will govern Ontario's teaching profession in the public interest for the next three years. [Read](#) about our 13 committees and their mandates.



World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day occurs on October 5. The College would

like to thank all Ontario teachers for the passion, the care and

the commitment they demonstrate in the classroom every day.

To help celebrate, we've highlighted some of our favourite [Remarkable Teacher quotes](#) from the *Professionally Speaking* archives.



Celebrating Great Teaching

The College sets the standards of practice for Ontario's teaching profession. [See](#) how award-winning principal and former Olympic wrestler Chris Woodcroft, OCT, lives the standards by celebrating victories big and small.



Bookmark This

Visit these online resources for parents and students:

- **Updated curriculum:** Have a question about the revised Health and Physical Education Curriculum? Find answers in the Ministry of Education's parent's guide. For teachers, the College offers additional qualifications for those teaching health and physical education.
- **There's an app for that:** From an app that helps children learn to tell time, to one that lets users create, change and measure shapes, check out these educational apps. Looking for apps in English and French? Read reviews of bilingual apps created for parents and teachers.
- **Find a Teacher:** The College's online public registry allows you to see whether a teacher is in good standing with the College. Visit oct.ca.



Teaching LGBTQ Students

Next year, the College will launch a new Additional Qualification (AQ) course to help teachers acquire the knowledge, skills and judgment to effectively respond to the educational needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer students.



The College in Your Community

The College attends events to raise awareness of its role in protecting the public interest and to promote the high standards

to which our members aspire.

Have a question? Come talk with us at an event near you!

- [Ontario Universities' Fair](#), Toronto, September 25-27
- [Word on the Street](#), Toronto, September 27
- [Toronto Baby Show](#), October 3-4
- [London Baby Expo](#), October 24-25
- [Babytime Show](#), Toronto, November 6-8



Public Presentations to College Council

Do you have a topic related to the College's work or activities

that you would like to present to our Council? Council invites [public presentations](#) at its meetings and at the Annual Meeting

of Members.