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EDUCATION MINISTER PRAISES WORK OF COLLEGE

Ontario Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky praised the Ontario College of Teachers for its work to make access to the profession fair and for enhancing ways for teachers to learn and grow as professionals.

During an [address to the College's Council](#) on December 9, the Minister highlighted provincial achievements in education, including higher test scores and graduation rates and smaller class sizes.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS SEEK NEW REGISTRAR

The College of Early Childhood Educators (CECE) is seeking an individual who is passionate about early learning and adept in a political environment to become its next Registrar and Chief Executive Officer. The new leader's top responsibilities will include creating increased awareness of the CECE and building a dialogue with key stakeholders, including those in the public sector and at colleges and universities. An understanding of Ontario's diversity will be crucial to success in the role.

The new registrar will also have an in-depth understanding of the legal obligations and management of a professional association with regulatory responsibilities or regulatory college in addition to demonstrated abilities in team building and financial administration.

The College of Early Childhood Educators wanted to bring this opportunity to the attention of members of the College of Teachers. Those interested in applying can view the [job posting](#) on the CECE web site.

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PREMIUM RESEARCH SERVICE FOR YOU – TRY IT TODAY

You can now electronically access up-to-date, premium content in any subject area, such as classroom management, leadership, learning styles and English as a Second Language.

The College's [Margaret Wilson Library](#) provides direct access to EBSCO, the world's foremost research database service.

Log in to the Members' Area to get immediate access to over 8,000 full-text journals, 700 full-text newspapers and 317,000 full-text education documents.

EBSCO has recently made several improvements, including a text-to-speech feature that will read an article to you, and full text language translation for 33 languages. As well, the search screen and results list have been redesigned to make the options clearer. The full text display is also easier to read.

Log in to the [Members' Area](#) and try it out today. You can create an account with EBSCO and receive alerts for new journal issues. Just look for the Sign In button at the top of the screen.

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NEW FRENCH-LANGUAGE RESOURCES SEARCH ENGINE

The online learning division of la télévisionstyle="float:right;" francophone en Ontario (TFO) recently launched ibou.ca, a new search engine for French-language educational resources.



Designed for teachers, this tool provides instant access to more than 10,000 online resources related to the Ontario curriculum. ibou.ca will be a valuable resource for French immersion and FSL teachers.

With ibou.ca, you can find the most relevant educational resources much more easily without having to look through a huge number of sites. You can search by keyword, grade, curriculum or resource format.

To offer this service, TFO is working closely with a growing number of organizations, including the Centre franco-ontarien de ressources pédagogiques, SOS DEVOIRS, the Association canadienne d'éducation de langue française and the Ministry of Education.

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MORE GREAT DISCOUNTS FOR OCTS

The list of organizations offering free admission and discounts across Ontario keeps growing.



Recent examples include:

- [DanCap Productions](#)
- [Elephoto Custom Photo Gifts](#)
- [Staples Teacher Appreciation Days](#)
- [Toronto Rock Lacrosse Club](#)

Your membership card provides proof that you are a certified teacher licensed to teach in Ontario's publicly funded schools.

Be sure to show your card when you're purchasing supplies or visiting major attractions. Many book sellers, museums, zoos and office supply stores provide discounts to teachers.

For a complete list of organizations that offer discounts to members, see www.oct.ca.

If you visit an attraction that's not on our discount list, you might ask them to consider participating in our discount program. Organizations can e-mail discounts@oct.ca for more information.

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READING ROCKS THE NORTH LITERACY CONFERENCE

The Laurentian University School of Education's Reading Rocks the North Literacy Conference will take place in Sudbury on January 28, 2011, 4 PM to 9 PM, and not January 22, as was stated in *Professionally Speaking's* December 2010 PS Calendar.

For more information, visit www.readingrocksthenorth.org.

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