

OHSC News - January 2022

OHSC Web-Meeting Cancelled

Given the many challenges that have been placed on health and education, the OHSC web-meeting scheduled for January 27th is cancelled.

We hope our members will use this hour of time for your own well-being and we look forward to meeting scheduled for **March 3rd, 2022!**

OHSC Annual Conference Date Change

In light of the current COVID restrictions and with health a paramount consideration, we have decided to postpone the date the **OHSC Annual Conference** from **March 1st and 2nd, 2022** to **May 24th and 25th at the Delta Hotel in London**. This change in date will also ensure that we continue to comply with decisions regarding indoor public gatherings.

We are pleased that many of the exceptional line-up of keynote speakers and breakout session presenters will be featured at this new date.

NEW Date: Please circle May 24rd and May 25th 2022 in your calendar to attend our *Reconnecting* conference.

As a reminder, all registration fees from the March 2020 conference have been credited to the upcoming May 2022 conference – so previous registrants (individuals and/or groups) are already paid to attend. In February, we will contact past registrants directly to confirm the names of those attending and complete session selections, etc.

Since March of 2020, we know that it has been a very challenging time for many of you. Therefore, we are looking forward to an engaging, in-person, “*Reconnecting*” conference where we can share our experiences, learn, and collaborate as we move forward together in education and health.

Tribute to Dr. Colleen Stanton

Dr. Colleen Stanton (March 9, 1956 - December 16, 2021)

Submitted and written by Carol MacDougall (Past OHSC Chair)

It is with great sadness that we share this notice on the passing of our past, longtime and dedicated Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition member, Dr. Colleen Stanton.



Colleen and her husband, Bob Harper, were actively involved with the OHSC for at least 14 years—serving on our Core Steering Committee (CSC) from approximately 2006 until the fall of 2019. Colleen and Bob were inseparable and contributed a valuable combination of Colleen’s public health promotion perspective and Bob’s education sector perspective. Colleen’s particular interest was in how to integrate “Health and Well-being” into the education system at the provincial, regional (school board), and local (school) levels. She was a guest speaker with Bob at the 2006 OHSC Annual Forum in York Region and spoke about “A Systems Approach to Healthy Schools.” This was new thinking at the time and has since become mainstream. Some of Colleen’s other OHSC work included: consistent participation in CSC and OHSC meetings, providing feedback on OHSC draft correspondence and position papers, contributing to strategic planning (2007 & 2018), and being lead author with Bob of our OHSC response to the Ministry of Education regarding Education Funding. Her doctoral research was on “A Health Promoting Continuous Learning Sustainable Education System,” where she examined three education system environments—leadership, culture of continuous learning, and interrelatedness of work and life [see <https://tspace.library.utoronto.ca/handle/1807/68213>]

Some of her former CSC colleagues add:

“I have fond memories of working with Colleen and Bob who were early supporters of Healthy Schools and brought important expertise to our discussion and advocacy efforts. It was heartwarming to read all the beautiful tributes to Colleen. She was an exceptional person in so many ways”. (Yvette Laforêt-Fliesser)

“Colleen was such an intelligent, enthusiastic and inspiring advocate for healthy schools. She was kind, compassionate and full of energy. Her gentle smile was contagious”. (Margaret Good)

“Colleen was such a lovely and supportive colleague. Creative and brilliant mind and spirit”. (Gail McVey)

“Colleen was indeed an extremely bright, intelligent and passionate woman. It was a highlight of my career to work with the Core Steering Committee, and Colleen and Bob, over the years”. (Janet Humble)

“Colleen was energetic, passionate and always willing to share her wisdom and forward thinking of healthy schools”. (Chris Preece)

OHSC has arranged a tree-planting in memory of Colleen to honour her love of nature.

Bob, thank you for all our wonderful years working together, and all of us will keep you and Colleen in our thoughts.

Call for Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition Executive Members

Are you working in public health and have a passion for healthy schools work in Ontario? Put your name forward to join our OHSC executive committee by emailing Arlene Morell at amorell@rogers.com.

OHSC 2022 Membership Registration/Renewal

We are now accepting 2022 membership renewal registration.

Organization membership (\$300 per organization, unlimited participants per organization)

Recommended steps to follow:

1. Key contact in organization completes the membership registration and payment.
2. Prepare information in advance such as; a list with the names of the

additional members to be registered including the position of the additional members and their email address.

NOTE: for organizations entering more than five members, please consider the option to complete the additional member list, please email the additional participants list to:

OR renewing 2021 membership list, please contact,

Arlene Morell

OHSC Admin Coordinator

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INVOICE – payment by cheque

- Email Arlene Morell, OHSC Admin Coordinator requesting an invoice amorell@rogers.com

Individual membership (\$75 per person) - this is for those individuals not attached to a member organization

Recommended steps to follow:

1. Complete the individual membership registration.

If you have questions, or if membership payment must be made with a cheque or if an invoice is required, please do not hesitate to contact:

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ASHA's Call for 2022 Webinar Proposals is Now Open!

The American School Health Association (ASHA) invites qualified individuals to submit proposals for 2022 ASHA webinars. Webinars must be aligned with best practices in health and education including:

[-ASHA's Core Beliefs](#)

- WSCC Model
- Skills-based learning
- Evidence-based programs, policies, and practices
- National Health Education Standards

ASHA webinars are one hour in length. All submissions will be reviewed by an ASHA member panel. Selected webinars will occur in 2022 with the support of ASHA (e.g., promotion, technology, registration, continuing education, and evaluation).

Research, Resources, and Learning Opportunities

Kids Have Stress Too! Preschool, Kindergarten, and Parent Training: February 25th, 2022 09:30 am ET [Click Here to Register](#)

Responses from [People for Education's Annual Ontario School Survey 2021-22](#) are revealing just how difficult these continuous changes have been on all fronts: for students, educators, administrators, and families. Principals report an overwhelming increase in demand for mental health supports — with no additional resources available to respond to these needs — and those who are veterans in education say they have never experienced such negative impacts by the education system on school staff and families in the entirety of their careers.

Learn about coronavirus ([COVID-19/covid 19](#)) cases in Ontario schools. [Immunization requirements](#) for school attendance: information for health care providers

People for Education calls on government to convene a ["Partnership Table"](#).

[National Conference on Suicide Prevention](#) will take place May 11-13, 2022, in Montréal at UQAM – Université du Québec à Montréal.

How does Finland's top-ranking education system work?

The key to Finland's success is to view education not as a privilege, but a right. The World Economic Forum recognizes that education is a human right and important for the world's future. [This article](#) recognizes how Finland has over the past years has significantly improved their education system to become the best in the world.

We hope you and yours have a safe and healthy 2022.

Please note our web-meeting and conference date revisions below.



Make sure to mark the **2022 OHSC web-meetings (zoom)** beginning at 3:00pm on your calendar:

- **Thursday, March 3, 2022**
- **OHSC Conference May 24rd and 25th, 2022**

Got an article idea?

We welcome content submissions from our membership. Do you have a great resource, a successful program, relevant research, or a professional development opportunity that you would like us to feature? Send your content submissions to onthsc@gmail.com.