



## **OPSOA Announces New President: 2006–2007**

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Ken Thurston

At its annual conference in Toronto on April 7th, 2006, the members of the Ontario Public Supervisory Officials' Association (OPSOA) elected Ken Thurston, Coordinating Superintendent of Education with the York Region District School Board as President for 2006–2007. Mr. Thurston assumes his duties as President on June 1, 2006.



Ken Thurston is a Coordinating Superintendent of Education with the York Region District School Board with responsibility for Staff and Community Relations. In addition to his work in staff relations, Ken has responsibility for overseeing and supporting the work of school councils, parent engagement and community partnerships throughout the Board.

From 1997 to 2000, Ken was the Director of Policy and Research with the Education Improvement Commission and was responsible for the consultation, research and writing of the “Road Ahead” series of reports.

Prior to his work at the Education Improvement Commission, Ken was a superintendent in the former Muskoka Board of Education and a teacher, consultant and principal with Victoria County Board of Education.

Mr. Thurston is acknowledged for his work in community leadership, relationship building, equity education and parent engagement.

Mr. Thurston has served on the OPSOA Board as President-Elect 2005-2006; Director representing the Central Region since 2003 and a member of OPSOA since 1994. He has also represented OPSOA on the CASA board over the past year.

He is a strong advocate for public education and the role of supervisory officials in achieving student success across the province.

Ken is the proud father of two and grandfather of one granddaughter. In his spare time, Ken is an avid curler, golfer and gardener.

“I am pleased to have this opportunity to represent the supervisory officers of this province in our leadership roles in support of quality public education that is accessible and equitable for all students.”

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OPSOA represents Supervisory Officials in the 31 English Language Public District School Boards in Ontario educating two-thirds of the students in the 72 publicly funded school boards.

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