



News Digest

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President's Message

Welcome to the second edition of the OASIS News Digest. Please let us know how you like the look and if this communication format meets your needs by adding your comments to the question posted on the OASIS Discussion Board at

<http://oasisonline.ca/forums/forum/oasis-discussion-board/>

Thank you to members who participated in the second Operating Pressures Survey. Although the participation rate was slightly lower, the second survey captured agencies with budgets totaling an astonishing \$1.5 billion. The report will be distributed at the Labour Relations Information Session in Toronto in November to those in attendance, and then to all who participated.

In June, the Board of Directors met in Niagara Falls and began reviewing and updating the strategic priorities for OASIS. Six key Strategic Areas of Focus were identified:

- Stability of the Sector
- Labour Relations
- Strategic Relationships
- Communications
- Leadership Development
- OASIS Board Development

Further work continues and the updated Strategic Priorities Plan will be available in October.

The Equity as Fairness campaign has been very successful, and Co-Chairs Marion Peck & Bob Butella provided an update over the summer which can be found at

<http://oasisonline.ca/top-stories/equity-as-fairness-campaign-update/>

Letter for Families Supporting Select Committee

MPP Christine Elliott's office has prepared a letter template for families wishing to show their support for her Private Member's Bill calling for the creation of a Select Committee on Developmental Services. Families can add their name and contact information to the letter and send it to:

- **Liberal Premier Wynne** - kwynne.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org
- **NDP Leader Andrea Horwath** - ahorwath-co@ndp.on.ca

For the letter template, go to <http://oasisonline.ca/top-stories/letter-for-families-supporting-the-select-committee-on-developmental-services/>

Discussion Board

We encourage member agencies to add their questions and comments to the Discussion Board on the OASIS website. Please check out the current discussions including vehicle safety requirements and paid time off systems on the Discussion Board and add your comments to the discussion.

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