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# DISTRICT COUNCIL

## PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### Equity Update

Resolutions passed as part of the Equity Survey Work Group's report to AMPA 2011 are currently being implemented. Jane Ste. Marie has been named the Equity Officer and should now be the first point of contact for local leaders.

### Socially Responsible Investments

After several years of lobbying, the OSSTF is pleased to see that the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan has signed on to the United Nations Principles of Socially Responsible Investments.

### Annual Designated Charity 2011-2012

The Provincial Executive approved that both *Kids Help Phone* and *Campaign 2000* continue to be OSSTF's designated charities for the 2011-2012 year and a donation of \$5,000.00 be made to each of these organizations.

### Campaign to End Violence Against Women

The Ontario Association for Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH) has re-launched its *Step It Up* campaign and is urging all political parties to make public commitments on what they will do to address the underlying causes of violence against women. Information on the campaign, including materials and action ideas, can be found on the OAITH website ([www.stepitupontario.ca](http://www.stepitupontario.ca))

### Ontario Health Coalition Campaign

The OHC platform on healthcare issues is available at [www.web.net/ohc/platformfinal2011.pdf](http://www.web.net/ohc/platformfinal2011.pdf) and it has also created [www.votehealthontario.ca](http://www.votehealthontario.ca) where voters can make their pledge to vote for candidates who support key healthcare commitments.

### Common Threads V

The Common Threads V team has begun its work, traveling to various First Nations and Metis communities throughout the province, as well as consulting with respected organizations within Aboriginal communities, to produce curriculum materials titled *Aboriginal Perspectives in Education*. The resource will consist of an audiovisual component as well as lesson plans that can be integrated into a variety of courses.

### Summer Leadership

This year's conference was attended by 365 delegates, once again setting a record as the largest Leadership conference to date. The initial feedback from the conference was extremely positive, with the facilities, training, and organization of events all receiving high reviews. A more detailed analysis of the conference will be possible following the compilation of the evaluations submitted by delegates.