

# College of Teachers wants to hear from you!

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**Do you want to have input into how the Ontario College of Teachers operates?**

## Consultation underway

The College of Teachers was established in 1997 to regulate and govern the teaching profession. In 2004, some substantial changes were made to the way the College functions and to the makeup of its governing council.

In the fall of 2011, the College asked the Honourable Patrick LeSage to conduct an independent review of some of its work – in particular its Dispute Resolution Program and its Investigation and Discipline Procedures and Outcomes. The review will recommend ways for improving the College's policies and processes.

Among many questions Mr. LeSage is asking:

1. Do you have any thoughts about the current makeup of the council that runs the College?
2. Most of the committees (Investigation Committee, Discipline Committee, Fitness to Practise Committee, Public Interest Committee, Executive Committee, Registration Appeals Committee) are made up of council members and have the same ratio of elected vs appointed members. Do you have any comments about the committees?
3. Is the public given sufficient information related to the College and its investigative and disciplinary processes and decisions?
4. When the Discipline Committee panel makes a finding of professional misconduct it also decides whether to make the decision, the name of the member and the reasons for the decision public. Which parts do you think should be public? Are there cases where the name should be withheld?
5. Do you think there should be mandatory penalties for findings of specific misconduct?
6. The College must investigate all matters related to professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity on the part of a member **as long as the complaint is not frivolous, vexatious or an abuse of process**. Do you have any comments related to how the College determines and handles frivolous, vexatious or abuse of process matters?
7. Investigations Committees are supposed to use their best efforts to complete the process of dealing with a complaint within 3 months. Do you have any thoughts about this or any other timelines issues with the College?

If you'd like to have input, you can **write your response to the questions right here in this discussion** and we will summarize them and forward them to Justice LeSage.

Do you want to know more about the College of Teachers? [Just click here for background information.](#)