



# Creating a Culture...

## of Innovation, Caring and Social Responsibility.



### REGISTER TO BECOME A DELEGATE

Fostering a Culture of Caring

(Reference: [Ottawa-Carleton District School Board By-Laws and Standing Rules](#))

Individuals or groups are welcome to appear as a delegation to express their concerns, provide comments or ask questions on any matter within the mandate of the Board or Committee. In accordance with the Board's bylaws, delegations shall be permitted up to four (4) minutes to address the Board where the delegation has provided a written submission no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Delegations registering after the cutoff shall be granted two (2) minutes. All interested delegates must complete and submit the following form.

Once you have submitted your request, a member of the Board Services team will be in touch with you to confirm the delegation and provide the necessary meeting details and instructions.

If you have any questions regarding the delegation process please contact Nicole Guthrie, Manager of Board Services at [nicole.guthrie@ocdsb.ca](mailto:nicole.guthrie@ocdsb.ca)

Also, please note that the Board and Committee of the Whole meetings are video and audio recorded.

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### Delegation issue information

Fields marked with an \* are required

**Meeting Type: \***

Committee of the Whole

**Meeting Date: \***

5/11/2021

**Summary of issue/concern: \***

Cambridge St. Community Public School:

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**Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue: \***

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5/6/2021

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