



# 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: \***

9/28/2021

**Please provide a brief summary of main points for the issue/concern: \***

As a parent of a child at Nepean High School, I am concerned about the fact that the three other school boards in Ottawa, as well as those in Gatineau and many across Ontario and Canada, are offering in-person band, choir and ensemble classes, and the OCSB has not allowed this. Research has shown that, with the correct measures in place, these activities are safe. Additionally, the vaccination rates in Ottawa for youth aged 12-17 are very high. My daughter has just started high school, and has missed out on a year and a half of school band and music classes, including a trip to Calgary with her school band to compete on the national stage. Ensemble playing has very positive effects on school performance and social cohesion, and my daughter and many other children desperately need this after so much time away from any group activities. If school sports are considered safe by the OCSB, then there really is no reason that kids cannot participate in music following protocols that research has shown to be safe at preventing the spread of the coronavirus.

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

I recommend that the OCSB reinstate band, choir and other musical ensembles in schools, provided that the recommended protocols are in place.

**Date: \***

9/27/2021

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