



# 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: \*

10/12/2021

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

The issue I would like to raise is the prohibition on playing wind instruments indoors and its impact on students' course of study, personal growth and development, and mental health and OCDSB's position on this.

The decision is contrary to Ministry Guidelines.

The decision is contrary to how some other School Boards in Ontario are proceeding.

The decision is contrary to the most recent science on risks in light of available preventative measures.

The decision is not based in empirical evidence of Covid spread when wind instruments are played indoors with PPE in place, with a group of students who are already commingling and have been fully vaccinated.

The decision does not adequately consider the impact on students' course of study, personal growth and development and mental health.

The decision is out of step with community practice in Ottawa and elsewhere.

OCDSB has suggested this decision was taken by OPH, not the Board itself, but has OCDSB issued a clear statement to OPH that it would like to see wind instruments allowed to play indoors?

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

Reverse the prohibition on the playing of wind instruments indoors under the condition that all safeguards are put in place including: proper ventilation, PPE, and physical distancing.

Provide students with an opt-out option if they are uncomfortable to play indoors in these circumstances.

OCDSB should make a public statement indicating their support for wind instrument players to be able to continue their music education by playing indoors and communicate this clearly to OPH, if in fact OPH is controlling this decision.

**Date: \***

10/6/2021

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