

**BOARD (PUBLIC)**  
**Report No. 22-012**

**25 January 2022**

**Appointment of Association Representatives to the Special Education  
Advisory Committee**

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**PURPOSE:**

1. To appoint alternate representatives for the Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton (LDAO-C) and the Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC) to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term 25 January 2022 to 14 November 2022.

**STRATEGIC LINKS:**

2. Appointing association representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee supports the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan's goal of creating a Culture of Caring. A strong and diverse SEAC membership increases community partnerships and helps build authentic engagement with and among District communities.

**CONTEXT:**

3. The composition of the Special Education Advisory Committee is outlined in sections 4.1 to 4.3 of Board Policy P.019.GOV: Special Education Advisory Committee (attached as Appendix A). The membership is currently comprised of three trustees, eight associations and organizations, and three community members.

Section 4.2 specifies that representatives and alternates will be nominated by the association and that they shall be appointed by the Board for the term of the Board.

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

4. On 5 January 2022, Board Services received an email (attached as Appendix C) from LDAO-C requesting that Mike Marta be appointed as the alternate member.

On 14 January 2022, Board Services received an email (attached as Appendix C) from the OCASC Executive Board requesting that Mourad Graidia be appointed as the alternate member.

Both Mr. Marta and Ms. Graidia meet all the criteria under the Regulation 464/97 and Policy P.019.GOV, Special Education Advisory Committee and are not OCDSB employees. Biographies for Mr. Marta and Ms. Graidia will be circulated to board members under separate cover.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

5. There are no resource implications associated with this report.

## **COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:**

6. No consultation is required as these are direct appointments of the Board. SEAC Chair, Sonia Nadon-Campbell, is aware of the request for appointments.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

THAT Mike Marta be appointed as the Alternate Member representing Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the term 25 January 2022 to 14 November 2022.

THAT Mourad Graidia be appointed as the Alternate Member representing the Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils to the Special Education Advisory Committee for the term 25 January 2022 to 14 November 2022.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix A: Policy P.019.GOV Special Education Advisory Committee

Appendix B: Procedure PR.538.GOV Appointment of Community Representatives and  
Local Associations to the Special Education Advisory Committee

Appendix C: Appointment letter from Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton

Appendix D: Appointment letter from Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils