



**BOARD (PUBLIC)**  
**Report No. 18-122**

**03 December 2018**

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

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**PURPOSE:**

1. To appoint association representatives and alternates to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the duration of the term of the Board, 03 December 2018 to 14 November 2022.

**CONTEXT:**

2. 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, nine associations and organizations, and three community members.

The appointment of representatives and alternates for the various associations/organizations takes place every four years, as their term of office coincides with the term of the Board.

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

3. At the September, October and November 2018 meetings of the Special Education Advisory Committee, the members were advised of the requirement for their group to nominate a representative and alternate for confirmation by the Board at its organizational meeting. Emails were also sent to association and organization presidents advising them of this requirement.

Responses have been received from the following associations/organizations and are attached as Appendix B:

- Association for Bright Children of Ontario (ABC)
- Down Syndrome Association, Ottawa Region Chapter (DSA)
- Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders (OAFCCD)
- Autism Ontario, Ottawa Chapter

- Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton (LDAO-C)
- VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children (VOICE)
- Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC)

The Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OCAPDD) did not wish to nominate a primary or alternate at this time.

At the time of writing this report Easter Seals had not responded.

The biographies for each non-voting and alternate representative will be circulated to board members under separate cover.

For those associations/organizations who have not nominated a representative or those where the alternate member remains vacant, a further report and recommendation will be brought to the Board for approval.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

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

## **COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:**

5. No consultation is required.

## **STRATEGIC LINKS:**

6. Appointing community representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee supports the District's commitment to implementing sound governance structures, as well as encouraging broad community engagement in District initiatives.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the following regular and alternate members of the various associations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term of the Board from 04 December 2018 to 14 November 2022 be appointed:

<b>Association</b>	<b>Regular Member</b>	<b>Alternate Member</b>
VOICE	Jim Harris	Terry Warner
Autism Ontario	Katie Ralph	Samantha Banning
Association for Bright Children (ABC)	Cathy Miedema	Dragos Popa
Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton (LDAO-C)	Linda Barbetta	Andrea Nelson
Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders (OAFCCD)	Ian Morris	Sean Popal
Down Syndrome Association National Capital Region	Mark Wylie	
Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC)	Donna Owen	Safina Dewshi

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## **APPENDICES**

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