



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# Delegation

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**Summary of main points for the issue/ concern:**

Since I transferred into OCDSB, I've dealt with a fair share of antisemitism, and so have the vast majority of my Jewish friends. A long time ago I stopped telling teachers when I faced this antisemitism, because of the lack of repercussions, but I always wondered why it was that most of these incidents went unpunished. Then, very recently, I found out that while Canada and Ontario have adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism, OCDSB has not. This was a lightbulb moment for me, because of course antisemitism can't go punished if its not even considered antisemitism. Right now, due to the lack of effort Jewish students do not feel protected. And we do not feel supported.

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

The adoption of IHRA