



To: Committee of the Whole

DATE: 4 April 2023

RE: Amendments to Policy P.113.GOV Student Senate

Trustee Presley, on behalf of Student Trustees Hou and Al-Delaimi, has given notice that she will move as follows at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on 4 April 2023, in keeping with section 12.9 of the Board's By-Laws and Standing Rules:

WHEREAS the OCDSB is committed to fostering student leadership, voice, and a sense of belonging at all levels: classroom, school, and District;

WHEREAS the Student Senate is the official committee representing secondary students' views to the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board;

WHEREAS the Student Senate promotes student voice and encourages students, particularly students in grades 9 and 10, to consider opportunities for student governance; such as student council, Student Senate, and Student Trusteeship;

WHEREAS many students find the Student Senate to be ineffective in fulfilling its purpose and an overall lack of student engagement at all levels of student government;

WHEREAS other school districts engage more students in the Student Senate to increase leadership, representation, and engagement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Board of Trustees adopt changes to Policy P.113.GOV Student Senate as outlined in Appendix A;
- B. THAT the student senate revisit the changes to P.113.GOV Student Senate between September 2023 and June 2024, with the intent to make a recommendation on the changes.

Michèle Giroux  
Director of Education and  
Secretary of the Board

Janice McCoy  
Executive Officer  
Corporate Services

*Signatures on this Notice of Motion confirm that the Notice was submitted in accordance with  
Section 12.9 of the Board's By-laws and Standing Rules.*