



To: Committee of the Whole

DATE: 17 October 2023

RE: Letter Requesting the Appointment of an Urban Indigenous Trustee

Trustee Justine Bell has given notice that she will move as follows at the Committee of the Whole meeting on 17 October 2023, in keeping with section 12.9 of the Board's By-Laws and Standing Rules:

WHEREAS consultation with the Indigenous Education Council has provided support for the appointment of an Urban Indigenous trustee;

WHEREAS the Board has submitted a letter to Minister Lecce on 21 April 2021, seeking permission to appoint an Urban Indigenous trustee which did not receive a response;

WHEREAS under existing legislation and regulations, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board is not eligible to appoint an Urban Indigenous trustee to the Board with rights and responsibilities equivalent to those of a board member elected under the Municipal Elections Act;

WHEREAS the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board has no agreements regarding the provision of education services with any First Nations band or council;

WHEREAS the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan seeks continued progress toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, under the key area of focus for social responsibility.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT a follow-up letter be sent to the Minister of Education requesting that the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board be allowed to appoint an Urban Indigenous Trustee.

Pino Buffone
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board

Michele Giroux
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.