



TO: Committee of the Whole

DATE: 5 March 2024

RE: Legislative Ban on Advertisements for Gambling

Trustee Lyra Evans has given notice that she will move as follows at the Committee of the Whole meeting 5 March 2024, in keeping with section 12.9 of the Board's By-Laws and Standing Rules:

WHEREAS the proliferation of gambling advertising, particularly during sports telecasts, has resulted in an alarming number of children and young adults becoming addicted to gambling;

WHEREAS gambling can lead to significant harm, including runaway debt, stress to families, low self-esteem, anxiety, depression, and even suicide;

WHEREAS Statistics Canada has estimated that 1.6% of adult gamblers, more than 300,000 Canadians, are at moderate to high risk of gambling disorders; and

WHEREAS school boards across Ontario and beyond are dedicated to preserving and improving the mental health of students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- A. THAT the OCDSB assert that it supports a legislative ban on advertisements for gambling in Canada in all media;
- B. THAT the Chair send a letter to local Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), and provincial and federal political leaders to advocate that legislation be enacted to ban advertising for gambling in all media.

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Pino Buffone  
Director of Education and  
Secretary of the Board

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Michele Giroux  
Executive Officer, Corporate Services



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*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.*