



TO: Committee of the Whole

DATE: 5 March 2024

RE: Menstrual Equity Letter

Student Trustee Hong has given notice that she will suggest the following 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 Ministry of Education's 3-year partnership with Shoppers Drug Mart to provide six million products annually to students across Ontario will expire this year;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has not indicated that this partnership will be renewed nor will supplementary funding be allocated;

WHEREAS the Minister has defined menstrual products as "a necessity, not a luxury"; and

WHEREAS the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan's Wellness focus area emphasizes the importance of "enhanced safety to support the cultural, emotional, and physical well-being of all students and staff" and access to menstrual products is integral to the emotional and physical well-being of those who menstruate at school.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Chair write to the Minister of Education on behalf of the Board requesting that the Ministry ensure menstrual products are procured, distributed and accessible for all Ontario schools on an ongoing basis, free of additional charge(s) to individual boards.

Pino Buffone
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board

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.