



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Delegation 5.1.c

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Brief summary of issue or topic of discussion:

It is evident that the school board's marginal identity specific student success coaches have made impressive improvements in the confidence, academic success, and feeling of belonging for students with their respective minority identities. Responding to culturally relevant societal needs is necessary for OCDSB to remain an inclusive uplifting environment for its students. For years and especially recently there has been an increase in anti-Islamic, anti-Arab and anti-Palestine hate. It is therefore imperative that OCDSB allot a budget to hire an Arab speaking, preferably Palestinian, Student Success Coach, as it has for other marginalized student identities. There is no culturally relevant substitution for this essential support.

Thank you.