



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Delegation

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Brief summary of issue or topic of discussion:

After reading through the 189 page November 26th agenda package that was only made publicly available on Friday evening, I have questions and concerns about the ACE committee membership recommendations (List of Identity- Based Groups: section 4. 6) that explicitly includes African, Caribbean, Black, Arab, Middle Eastern, Indigenous, newcomers and multilingual learners, people with disabilities, people from low socioeconomic status, 2SLGBTIA+, and other people subjected to discrimination on a protected ground, as defined by P147. GOV Human Rights, and has specifically excluded Jews, in spite of the well documented hate statistics directed at Jewish students and Jewish people, which is higher than any other listed group in the aforementioned list in spite of accounting for less than 1% of the population. The policy states the importance of prioritizing those that represent the most underserved students and communities in relation to academic achievement, disciplinary action, and well- being. This third point, well- being, is of particular concern for Jewish students and families. I would like to ask to delegate and provide a Jewish perspective related to representation on the ACE committee.