



MEMORANDUM

Memo No. 19-083

TO: Trustees
Student Trustees

FROM: Camille Williams-Taylor, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board
Michael Carson, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: 18 June 2019

RE: **Audit and Accountability Fund**

Last week, staff received additional details from the Ministry of Education with respect to the recent announcement of an Audit and Accountability Fund. The attached email and documents outline the process and conditions to apply for financial supports.

The timelines for this initiative are extremely tight. The Board would be required to approve the application and submit it to the Ministry by 28 June 2019. The province intends to inform successful school boards by 12 July 2019 and reviews are to be completed by 31 October 2019.

These tight timelines and the related conditions for the funding would make it extremely difficult to allow the scope of work to be identified and integrated with the District's overall planning process. In addition, a project of this scope would require significant staff work at a time when the focus ought to be on the effective start-up of the school year. As a result staff is not recommending proceeding with such an application at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Carson, Chief Financial Officer at michael.carson@ocdsb.ca or at 613-596-8211 ext. 8881.

Attach.

cc Senior Staff
Manager Board Services
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