

Appointment of Association Representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee

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PURPOSE:

1. To appoint a primary committee member of Easter Seals Ontario to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term 24 September 2019 to 14 November 2022.

CONTEXT:

2. The composition of the Special Education Advisory Committee is outlined in sections 4.1 to 4.3 of Board Policy P.019.GOV: Special Education Advisory Committee (attached as Appendix A). The membership is currently comprised of three trustees, nine associations and organizations, and three community members.

Section 4.2 specifies that representative and alternates will be nominated by the association and that they shall be appointed by the Board for the term of the Board.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

3. Board Services received indication in writing from Easter Seals Ontario (Appendix C) nominating their representative for the balance of the current term which ends 14 November 2022. Easter Seals Ontario will continue to seek an alternate member.

The appointment of representatives and alternates for the various associations/organizations takes place every four years, as their term of office coincides with the term of the Board.

Easter Seals Ontario has been without representation since June 2016. In November 2018 Easter Seals Ontario indicated their preference to maintain the organizations status but was unable to appoint a representative at the time.

In late June 2019, Allison Morse, Senior Manager of Services, Easter Seals Ontario, notified Board Services of their intent to nominate Nicole Ullmark as their

representative to SEAC. Ms. Ullmark meets the eligibility requirements prescribed in procedure PR.538.GOV Appointment of Community Representatives and Local Associations to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

The nominee meets the criteria under the Regulation 464/97 and Policy P.019.GOV, Special Education Advisory Committee and is not an OCDSB employee.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

4. There are no resource implications associated with this report.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:

5. No consultation is required as this is a direct appointment of the Board. SEAC Chair, Rob Kirwan, is aware of the request for appointment by Easter Seals Ontario.

STRATEGIC LINKS:

6. Appointing association representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee supports the District's commitment to implementing sound governance structures, as well as encouraging broad community engagement in District initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Nicole Ullmark, be appointed as the primary member representing Easter Seals Ontario to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term ending 14 November 2022.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: PR.538.GOV Appointment of Community Representatives and Local Associations to the Special Education Advisory Committee
Appendix B: P.019.GOV: Special Education Advisory Committee
Appendix C: Easter Seals Ontario Appointment Letter