

Appointment of Association Representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee

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PURPOSE:

1. To appoint Autism Ontario and Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton (LDAO) representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term 4 December 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 Autism Ontario (Appendix C) nominating their alternate representative for the balance of the current term which ends 14 November 2022.

Board Services also received indication in writing from Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton (Appendix D) nominating their primary and alternate representatives for the balance of the current term which ends 14 November 2022.

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; however vacancies are filled as required.

In October 2019, Krista Ryan, President of Autism Ontario, notified Board Services of their intent to nominate Katherine Kacew as their new alternate representative to SEAC. Ms. Kacew meets the eligibility requirements prescribed in procedure 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.

In October 2019, Michael Bates, Chair of Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton, notified Board Services of their intent to nominate Maggie Mamen as their representative to SEAC, and Michael Bates as the alternate. Both Ms. Mamen and Mr. Bates meet the eligibility requirements prescribed in procedure 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.

A copy of the biographies of Ms. Kacew, Ms. Mamen and Mr. Bates are provided under separate cover.

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 appointments by Autism Ontario and from Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton.

STRATEGIC LINKS:

6. Appointing association representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee supports the District's new Strategic Plan's goal of creating a Culture of Caring. A strong and diverse SEAC membership increases community partnerships and helps build authentic engagement with and among District communities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. THAT Katherine Kacew, be appointed as the primary member representing Autism Ontario to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term ending 14 November 2022; and
- B. THAT Maggie Mamen, be appointed as the primary member, and Michael Bates be appointed as the alternate member representing Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term ending 14 November 2022.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: P.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: Autism Ontario Appointment Letter

Appendix D: Learning Disabilities Association of Ottawa-Carleton Appointment Letter