

BOARD (PUBLIC)
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Appointment of Association Representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee

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PURPOSE:

1. To appoint the primary and alternate representatives of Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OSASC) to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the term 17 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 OSASC (Appendix C) nominating their 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.

In November 2019, Malaka Hendela, Chair of the Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils, notified Board Services of their intent to nominate Safina Dewshi, as their representative to SEAC, and Michelle Berry as the alternate. Both Ms. Dewshi and Ms. Berry meet the eligibility requirements prescribed in PR 538.GOV Appointment of Community Representatives and Local Associations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (Appendix B). The

nominees meet the criteria under the Regulation 464/97 and Policy P.019.GOV, Special Education Advisory Committee and are not OCDSB employees.

A copy of the biographies of Ms. Dewshi and Ms. Berry 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 these are direct appointments of the Board. SEAC Chair, Sonia Nadon-Campbell, is aware of the request for appointments by OCASC.

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Safina Dewshi, be appointed as the primary member, and Michelle Berry be appointed as the alternate member representing Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils to the Special Education Advisory Committee 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: Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils Notice of Appointment