

8.1 Delegation - Robin Browne, re Code of Conduct Update

I'm here today to provide an update following my delegation to last month's Board meeting.

At that meeting, I shared community concerns about the Board's process for addressing complaints of alleged violations of the Board's Code of Conduct. I ended my presentation by saying that we planned to raise our concerns with our provincial representatives and on June 16 we did just that.

On that day, members of the 613-819 Black Hub, along with representatives of the Vaughn African Canadian Association, York Region's Parents of Black Children and representatives from other groups, met with Ontario Education Minister, Stephen Lecce and had a fulsome discussion.

We asked the Minister to commit to several things including changing the Education Act to:

1. Bring in much stronger penalties for single code violations that will actually act as a deterrent; and
2. Allow Boards to dismiss trustees found guilty of multiple acts of racial discrimination, particularly those involving anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism.

We will share the Minister's response with you when we receive it.

Thank you.