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To: Nicole Guthrie <nicole.guthrie@ocdsb.ca>

I come to you today to thank you the trustees and the board for making the correct decision approximately a week ago my son training and centering trustee Blackburn for committing an act of anti-black racism against my son on March 27th 2020.

I must admit I too was somewhat dismayed by the investigators report in that only references supporting Donna Blackburn were utilised Blackburn were utilized, deemed admissible and unbiased. The investigator did not even remotely attempt to establish credibility for SL. When he had immediate access to SL'S OCDSB teacher's coaches and the community at Large. Which he could have used to established third-party credibility. Instead even Robyn Brown's community testimony was deemed as biased. Claiming that we had a prior relationship which is untrue. Robin and i met after March 27th 2020 due to this situation.

The investigator did not meet with any of the actual witnesses besides the Imam who has a longstanding prior relationship with Trustee Blackburn. So much so that she had his number readily available on speed dial.

He accepted a litany if community letters of support for Donna Blackburn but none in support of SL or his statement of events that day.

The appeal seems to paint the picture that the investigator was biased against Trustee Blackburn. To that effect I believe that his report was biased in the complete opposite direction. Again I thank the OCDSB board for seeing through this and coming to the correct determination at the end of the hearing.

I would like to bring to light another completely biased report contrived in the Barrhaven Independent Newspaper by Jeff Morris. Mr. Morris only interviewed Trustee Blackburn and wrote a very one sided article. Without any objectivity whatsoever. In this article he quotes Donna Blackburn with regards to Debbie Oa. A former candidate for Trustee who Donna claims that she supported, encouraged and voted for. With permission I quote Debbie's Facebook post from earlier this week.

This is just more evidence that Trustee Blackburn even after her highly touted "racial insensitivity" training. The absolute opposite of "keenly aware" of the issues that face black people in our community. Even after being sanctioned, censured, banned and barred. She brazenly uses Black people as pawns in an attempt to shield herself from public scrutiny. Debbie Oa is an example of this as is Blackburns own daughter. Without permission or a single thought of how her actions may negatively effect others. Again, Not a very trustworthy Trustee.

Donna has learned nothing, she has no remorse and has never personally apologized to my family for any of her actions. I maintain that her apology was and is a publicity stunt. She is a narcissist who believes that she is the only one who could serve our community in Trustee capacity. She believes that she is infallible and clearly will not make amends for her mistakes. I ask you to maintain the ruling as it stands or increase punitive measures against this rogue trustee.

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