

TO: Chair and Members
of the Board

DATE: 25 August 2020

**RE: Request to the Province for the Provision of Health and Safety
Precautions**

Trustee Lynn Scott has given notice that she will move as follows at the Special Board meeting of 25 August 2020, in keeping with section 13.1 of the Board's By-Laws and Standing Rules:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted some gaps in Ontario's statutory and regulatory environment with regard to managing responses to a serious province-wide public health emergency;

WHEREAS the Minister of Education published the *Guide to Reopening Ontario's Schools* on 30 July 2020, and updated it on 13 August 2020;

WHEREAS the *Guide to Reopening Ontario's Schools* provides no authority to school districts to require compliance with its recommendations for such health and safety precautions as the use of face masks by all those individuals for whom there is no medical or developmental exemption;

WHEREAS intentional non-compliance with health and safety precautions may pose unacceptable risks to others, resulting in families withdrawing their children from school because of the perceived risk, or work refusals on the part of staff;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board ask the Premier and Minister of Education to develop legislation and/or regulations under existing legislation as soon as possible to give school districts and/or local public health officials appropriate authority to require compliance and to impose a range of appropriate consequences for intentional non-compliance with health and safety precautions implemented in schools to address a serious province-wide public health emergency.

Camille Williams-Taylor
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board

Michèle Giroux
Executive Officer
Corporate Services

Signatures on this Notice of Motion confirm that the Notice was submitted in accordance with Section 12.9 of the Board's By-laws and Standing Rules.