

## **Background**

The Parent Conference and School Council Training Day provides parents and educators with a fantastic opportunity to learn about issues related to children's learning and well-being, special education and school council best practices. Parent Involvement Committee Educational sessions presented by highly skilled facilitators provided more in-depth learning opportunities for parents and included topics such as growth mindset, leveraging digital technology in the classroom, the parent-child connection, self-regulation, math fundamentals, active transportation, special education supports and more. School council training sessions focused on best practices, finance, and school council websites.

## **Recommendations for Options in a Virtual World:**

Reflecting on the current realities, throughout the month of November, 2020, 4 weekly sessions on Thursday evenings will be held via Zoom webinar that will include both parent and school council training workshops. Parents will be able to register for the Zoom webinar to a maximum of 150 participants to enable interactivity with the workshop presenters. All other attendees will be able to watch via Zoom. The 150 participants will be able to ask questions through the chat feature that will be monitored by OCDSB representatives and the presenters will be able to respond to these questions. This will facilitate a more interactive approach. All sessions will be saved to the website for those who cannot attend.

The first session would be launched by the Director of Education and a guest speaker (TBD). Surveys would be sent to parents and school councils to solicit workshop ideas on Friday, October 16th, 2020.

### **Suggested Parent Workshops**

Mental Health During COVID-19 – K-8  
Mental Health During COVID-19 – 9-12  
Supporting your Child Learning Online (Remote and OCV)  
Equity and Inclusion  
Indigenous Education  
Special Education  
OPH Session  
Welcoming Newcomer Families into Caring Schools

### **Suggested School Council Training**

Best Practices for School Councils in a Virtual World  
School Council Meetings and Google Meets  
School Council Finance  
School Council Websites