



Creating a Culture...

of Innovation, Caring and Social Responsibility.



REGISTER TO BECOME A DELEGATE

Fostering a Culture of Caring

(Reference: [Ottawa-Carleton District School Board By-Laws and Standing Rules](#))

Individuals or groups are welcome to appear as a delegation to express their concerns, provide comments or ask questions on any matter within the mandate of the Board or Committee. In accordance with the Board's bylaws, delegations shall be permitted up to four (4) minutes to address the Board where the delegation has provided a written submission no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Delegations registering after the cutoff shall be granted two (2) minutes. All interested delegates must complete and submit the following form.

Once you have submitted your request, a member of the Board Services team will be in touch with you to confirm the delegation and provide the necessary meeting details and instructions.

If you have any questions regarding the delegation process please contact Nicole Guthrie, Manager of Board Services at nicole.guthrie@ocdsb.ca

Also, please note that the Board and Committee of the Whole meetings are video and audio recorded.

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Delegation issue information

Fields marked with an * are required

Meeting Type: *

Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: *

3/9/2021

Summary of issue/concern: *

I'd like to voice my concerns about the staff planning report which indicates that there will be a return to the current model of school for the secondary schools in Ottawa come September. We have a mental health crisis exploding amongst our teens as a direct result of the isolation and the woefully inadequate educational system in place at the moment. Having to do 2/3 of their learning on line in a very unstructured and poorly created manner falls well below the educational standards our kids deserve to have. It was obvious that a mental health crisis would unfold in this scenario and yet nothing was put into place in terms of community supports or mental health coordinators to be ready to work with our teenagers as their crisis deepened from a lack of peer based supports, face to face interactions and healthy activities.

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue: *

It is my recommendation that we follow other school boards such as the Catholic School Board and the TDSB and return our kids to a regular school model with the same kind of safe health standards in place for covid that the elementary schools are currently doing. It is also my recommendation that we immediately request financing and resources from the Ministry of Education for extra Mental Health Services to be brought in as fast as possible to help to deal with the mental health crisis so many of our teens are suffering, and to help guide them back into a regular school model next year because their mental health crisis will be a challenge to heal and recover from and we will need all the supports we can get to do so.

Date: *

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