



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: *

3/30/2021

Summary of issue/concern: *

The issue is the Board's former statement that in-school learning for secondary students will start in September on the model used currently. That is: quadmester, 1 course per week, two cohorts alternating days, minimal in-class learning, with majority of learning left to be on-line. There has been no public updated change to this position.

The concern is that this model is failing our youth in academically, socially, physically, and with alarming consequences to mental health. Parents have been patient with this model, knowing that the Board had to make a decision on how to safely operate under Covid health concerns, however, there is no evidence that this model has been mandated for the next school year by Ottawa Public Health or the Ministry of Education. Even if health concerns were as per current, there are multiple options of adjustment that the Board can make to operate classes under a less damaging system.

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue: *

The Covid situation and control of it are ever changing. There is a large amount of evidence that indicates a more positive outlook by September. The Board should be making decisions on their model to run with for the next school year at as late a date as possible.

In the meantime, two or more options can be worked on: spanning from the need to meet extreme health concerns to regular schooling, pre-pandemic. Clearly the need to be able to pivot quickly will be part of the equation.

Even if the health situation is still at a crucial need for distancing, there are proven models of schooling that are more motivating, more social, and have better outcomes academically. The Board must consider these models and make changes to their current model so as to provide our students with a healthier and more sustainably successful system of learning.

Date: *

3/29/2021

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