



Creating a Culture... of Innovation, Caring and Social Responsibility.



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Fostering a Culture of Caring

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

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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: *

Board

Meeting Date: *

3/30/2021

Summary of issue/concern: *

Hello,

i would like to ask for 1-2 minutes to ask the OCDSB for 2-3 concrete examples of how they plan to address and improve upon the shortcomings of the quadmester system that OCDSB used for high school students in 2020/21 so that students can have some sign of optimism that next year will be better. We have learned a lot in the past year and should not repeat a model that has been criticized by the majority of parents and students (as reported in the "top thoughts and themes" reported by students and parents in the OCDSB Mid Year Check In Feb 2021). One 4 hour class per day in person every other day per week is not working for our kids. Their mental health and their education are both suffering, and this will have long term, generational effects the longer we let it go on. There are other COVID safe educational models (even right here in Ottawa) that are working better. We teach our kids to be creative, learn from mistakes, and to think out of the box. Now we REALLY need the OCDSB to do the same. Please give our kids some hope for next year. Thank you.

Tanya Trevors

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue: *

My recommendations to resolve the issue would be:

1. Include mental health and children's equitable access to education as meaningful factors in the OCDSB's decision-making tree for deciding what type of educational model is used for OCDSB high school students next year - in addition to and along with COVID-19 safety protocols.
2. Review the evidence of what has worked in other boards (Quebec, Catholic and French boards in Ottawa) to deliver quality education, enable some basic social interaction and still keep kids safe. Please use that evidence and information to inform OCDSB plans rather than sticking with the same model again (that we know is failing our students).
3. Ensure that the number of hours of instruction that OCDSB secondary school students (in person and virtual) receive is equivalent or better than what other students are receiving elsewhere in the city, province and country.
4. Ensure that we are not "locked in" to a back to school plan for September 2021 that is based on planning information from February, March or April 2021. The world could change significantly by September 2021 as vulnerable/elderly populations, front line workers and teachers are vaccinated, etc. We need to be fully ready for the best case scenario as well as the worst case scenario.

Thank you

Date: *

3/29/2021

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