



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: *

Board

Meeting Date: *

4/27/2021

Summary of issue/concern: *

The rise of mental health issues amongst Elementary school children due to the impact of Covid -19, restrictions and lockdown measures including the move to online schooling. How the lack of accessibility to mental health services that address more than a brief intervention is having a detrimental impact on children's mental health. The need for full-time permanent mental health workers, such as social workers, in every school, everyday, is necessary for our children's mental health as well as teachers. There is a parallel pandemic happening with children's mental health which is going unaddressed in our school system. Reliance on free community services requires waiting months, fee services are out of reach for a number of families and even they have lengthy wait list. The need to act is now.

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue: *

Use students who have graduated from a school of social work to fill positions. These students are also required to perform internships where someone is in a supervision role to provide the student with assistance. We also have a wealth of psychologists with PHD's from other countries whose credentials are not recognized by the colleges in Ontario. However, they can offer a role in the schools by being Mental Health workers not psychologists. We can also advocate the government and lease with them and the College of Psychologists Ontario to allow credentials to be recognized.

Date: *

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