



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees
From: Gerard Winn, Director of Education
Date: September 23, 2024
Subject: **Correspondence from TCDSB**

Please see the attached correspondence from the TCDSB dated September 11, 2024.

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Attach.



Office of the Chair of the Board

September 11, 2024

SENT BY EMAIL

Dear Chairs,

The importance of local democracy in education has been a cornerstone of the many successes achieved at Ontario's publicly funded schools. Local advocacy through the work of school board trustees in partnership with the families they represent is essential.

The recent memorandum from the Ministry of Education includes changes to the core operations of school board governance, as follows:

- Ontario Regulation 312/24: Trustee Code of Conduct Directives
- Ontario Regulation 306/24: Integrity Commissioners and Process for Alleged Breaches of the Code of Conduct
- Ontario Regulation 311/24: Honoraria for Board Members
- Ontario Regulation 313/24: Electronic Meetings and Meeting Attendance

At a recent Toronto Catholic Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees passed a motion requesting that a communication be sent to all Ontario School Boards to consider asking their Trustee Association's to challenge Bill 98.

I look forward to your consideration of this request. It is only through collective action that we can better serve our local school communities. For this reason, it is important that your Board and respective Trustee Associations review all options to challenge some of the regulations outlined in the Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, including but not limited to Boards bearing the financial cost of the required Integrity Commissioner.

As always, I am available to discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Crawford".

Nancy Crawford

Chair of the Board of Trustees, Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB)

CC: TCDSB Trustees
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)
Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)
Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario (ACÉPO)
Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques (AFOCSC)