



REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence from the Chair of the Greater Essex County District School Board to Education Minister Liz Sandals, requesting that the Student Discipline Committee be added to the list of committees where an attendance amount is paid, due to the time and effort required to prepare and attend.

2. Correspondence from the Chair of the Peel District School Board to the Education Minister Liz Sandals, expressing support for the development of curriculum and learning resources on Aboriginal peoples in Canada for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12, as suggested in the Calls to Action from the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Greater Essex County District School Board



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November 1, 2015

Honourable Liz Sandals,
Minister of Education,
Ministry of Education,
Mowat Block, 22nd Floor,
900 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Minister Sandals,

O. Reg. 357/06 *Honoraria for Board Members*, sets out the method for calculating the limits on honoraria paid under section 191 of the Education Act. Sub-section 7(2) of the regulation states that "the attendance amount may be paid to a member for attending any meeting of a committee of the board that is required to be established by an Act or a regulation made under an Act." There are currently four committees that require membership of one or more trustees under the *Education Act*: Audit Committee, Parent Involvement Committee, Supervised Alternative Learning Committee and Special Education Advisory Committee.

The Board of Trustees strongly believe that the Student Discipline Committee should be one of those committees where an attendance amount should be paid because of the time and effort required to prepare and attend. These decisions require considerable contemplation and can result in serious consequences for students and families. Your favourable decision on this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

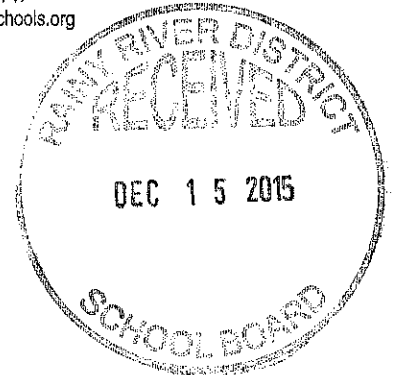
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Gale Simko-Hatfield
Chairperson of the Board

cc: Ontario Public School Board Association
English Public School Board Chairs

December 8, 2015

The Honourable Liz Sandals
Minister of Education
Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2



Dear Minister Sandals:

I am writing to express the Peel District School Board's support for the development of curriculum and learning resources on Aboriginal peoples in Canada for students in kindergarten to grade 12, as suggested in the *Calls to Action* from the findings of the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission* brought forward by Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair on June 2, 2015.

The board recognizes that encouraging, inclusive and respectful environments help students achieve to the best of their ability. As part of this work, we continue to look for ways to improve the capacity of the board to respond to the learning and cultural needs of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students. In September 2013, we launched *Policy #81 Voluntary, Confidential Self-Identification Policy for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students* to help support improvement planning and accountability, inform policy and funding decisions, and ensure measurement and reporting. This was a significant step toward ensuring that First Nation, Métis and Inuit students receive the highest possible quality of education, and that all Ontario students benefit from an appreciation of the richness of First Nation, Métis and Inuit cultures and the important contributions of First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities to Peel's, Ontario's and Canada's cultural, economic and social future.

We appreciate the work of the Ministry's Aboriginal Education Strategy, which includes initiatives that support learning and achievement for Aboriginal students and helps raise awareness about First Nation, Métis and Inuit cultures, histories and perspectives in all Ontario classrooms.

Your consideration of this matter is appreciated. We look forward to working together to help ensure our First Nations, Métis and Inuit students feel completely included and welcomed in our schools.

Sincerely,

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Janet McDougald
Chair

c: Paul Officer, Co-Chair, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Advisory Circle
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