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TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
- All Catholic District School Boards

FROM: Patrick Daly, President

**SUBJECT: Update re Bill 68 Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act—
Implementation Issues**

Further to our June 27, 2017 memorandum, OCSTA has confirmed with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that key amendments to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* impacting school boards, including the requirement for boards to establish a public registry and have written declaration of conflict of interest statements, will come into force at a date to be proclaimed by Cabinet. Based on discussions and written correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs it will come into force sometime in 2018.

There will be local flexibility on how the registry is made public. The requirement is that it shall be available for public inspection, either via a web posting or a publicly accessible file at the board office. The Amendment to the Act states:

Requirement to establish registry

6.1 (1) Every municipality and local board shall establish and maintain a registry in which shall be kept,

- (a) a copy of each statement filed under section 5.1; and
- (b) a copy of each declaration recorded under section 6. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 3, s. 5.

Access to registry

- (2) The registry shall be available for public inspection in the manner and during the time that the municipality or local board, as the case may be, may determine (2017, c 10, Sched. 3, s.5).

Next Steps:

OCSTA will over the course of the next several months develop templates for boards regarding both the structure of a public registry and conflict of interest declaration forms in consultation with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Education and other school board associations.

If you have any questions please contact me or Stephen Andrews (sandrews@ocsta.on.ca).