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

FROM: Patrick Daly, President

SUBJECT: Bill 68 Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act – Implementation Issues

As you know, on May 30, 2017, the Government of Ontario passed Bill 68 – *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016* which received Royal Assent and is now law. This amends several acts including the *Municipal Act*, the *City of Toronto Act*, the *Education Act* and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* that impacts school boards.

In terms of the implementation of the key amendments to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* impacting school boards, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has informed OCSTA requirement for boards to establish a public will come into force at the earliest 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. 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, Schedule. 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, Schedule. 3, s. 5.

Other parts of the amendments to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

The amendments to the *Education Act* come into force at Royal Assent or May 30, 2017.

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