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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Patrick J. Daly, President

SUBJECT: School Board Governance Consultation: Trustee Honoraria

Further to the OCSTA memorandum of September 20, 2017, the Ministry of Education is now in the process of consulting stakeholders on a number of school board governance issues. One important part of the consultation involves the Trustee Honoraria formula.

As I have indicated at the recent OCSTA Regional Meetings, none of us has accepted the call to serve as Catholic School trustees for the financial reward. We do so out of our commitment to quality Catholic Education and our understanding that our publicly funded Catholic Schools are an increasingly important part of the teaching ministry of our church. Saying that, an honoraria formula which fairly compensates, and attracts dedicated individuals to serve in our privileged position is important.

In this regard and in addition to the feedback we received at last year's AGM, we would very much appreciate your board's thoughts/recommendations on potential changes to the current trustee honoraria formula. We will incorporate your feedback into the OCSTA submission on school board governance. We also encourage you to submit the recommendations of your board to the Ministry of Education.

Please send your thoughts to Stephen Andrews as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.