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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 - 2017 FALL UPDATE**

Further to the OCSTA memorandum of April 13, 2017, the Ministry of Education has now resumed (as of Thursday, September 14) its consultation process on a number of school board governance issues.

The issues included in the consultation with education stakeholders include:

- Access to an integrity commissioner and trustee code of conduct
- Broadening the Director of Education qualifications and recognizing equivalent qualifications from other jurisdictions
- Student trustee election processes and terms of office
- Trustee honoraria formula
- Electronic participation in school board meetings.

Format of the Consultation

The Ministry released a formal discussion paper with several questions under each subject area outlined above. The Leadership Development and School Board Governance Branch of the Ministry will support this process and will request written submissions to address the governance issues under consideration. Please see the attached discussion paper for your information.

Deadline for Submissions

The deadline for formal submissions on the school board governance consultation is **Monday, November 13, 2017.**

Next Steps

OCSTA will draft a submission based on feedback we received at our spring and fall regional meetings. We will share that with you and strongly encourage your Board to participate in the consultation process.

If you have additional information or concerns please send them to me or Steve Andrews, Director of Legislative and Political Affairs as soon as possible or by **Friday, October 27, 2017** at sandrews@ocsta.on.ca

Attachment