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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Patrick J. Daly, President

SUBJECT: **Intervenor Status of the National Coalition of Catholic School Trustees' Associations Re: Trinity Western Appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada**

As you are aware, OCSTA along with the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association, the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association and the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association formed a coalition ("the coalition") in order to apply for intervenor status in the forthcoming Supreme Court of Canada case involving Trinity Western University. As you will recall, the case involves appeal court decisions in British Columbia and Ontario that denied accreditation of the university's law school by provincial law societies that regulate the legal profession.

On Friday July 28, we were informed by our legal counsel that the coalition was successful in its application seeking intervenor status. In our Supreme Court intervention, we intend to present constitutional arguments to preserve and protect Catholic education in Canada. The court dates are tentatively set for November 30 and December 1, 2017.

As the case progresses, we will provide timely updates.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Nick Milanetti or Stephen Andrews at sandrews@ocsta.on.ca.