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

**FROM:** Patrick J. Daly, President

**SUBJECT:** Recent Legislative Updates

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**Bill 92, *School Boards Collective Bargaining Amendment Act***

On March 23, the Ministry of Education issued the news release *Ontario Strengthens Collective Bargaining in Education Sector* after the bill received Third Reading in the legislature. The legislation was supported by the Liberal and PC parties and opposed by the NDP. Before March Break, OCSTA presented to the Standing Committee on General Government along with OPSBA, ACEPO and AFOCSC.

**Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016***

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs introduced this legislation on November 16, 2016 and after several hours of debate it was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy. No public hearing dates have been posted. The legislation includes proposed amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act* that would change the term start date for councillors and school board trustees (from December 1 to November 15). It also contemplates several changes to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. On February 9, OCSTA sent a letter to the Ministry of Education outlining our concerns. We have also requested the opportunity to present our concerns to the Standing Committee on Social Policy once hearing dates are established.

**Pilot Projects Career Studies**

On March 23, 2017, the Ministry of Education announced 29 pilot projects to revise the current career studies course. The career studies pilot projects will include the development of innovative learning opportunities related to financial literacy, entrepreneurship skills, digital literacy and career/life planning.

### **Construction Lien Act (CLA)**

The Ministry of the Attorney General's office issued an update to stakeholders describing recent developments with the *Construction Lien Act* (“CLA”). New legislation is to be introduced this spring to include recommendations from the Borden Ladner Gervais report and will focus on three areas:

- Modernizing the lien and holdback process;
- Introducing rules around prompt payment; and
- Creating an adjudicative process for resolving disputes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stephen Andrews at [sandrews@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:sandrews@ocsta.on.ca) or myself at [pdaly@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:pdaly@ocsta.on.ca)

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