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**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**SUBJECT:** **School Board Trustee Elections 2018**

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On April 5, 2018 OCSTA received the attached letter from Bruce Drewett, Director, Leadership, Collaboration and Governance Branch, Ministry of Education. He informs us that the ministry is introducing three new initiatives in preparation for the 2018 school board elections. These include:

1. **Curriculum resource on school board elections.** The ministry is developing support materials for teachers of grade 10 civics and citizenship course about school board governance.
2. **Support and funding for student-organized All-Candidates meetings:** in an effort to increase civic engagement, experiential learning and voter turn out, the ministry is supporting YouthREX to conduct a pilot project to support students to organize all candidate's meetings for trustee elections. YouthREX will contact Directors of the pilot boards in the coming weeks to discuss the program.
3. **Trustee candidate research:** the ministry will support OESC to partner with Ryerson University to conduct research about trustee candidates for the 2018 school board elections. The goals are to produce demographic profiles of candidates and produce a report on barriers, enablers and best practices related to candidates reflecting the socio-demographic data in school boards' jurisdictions. The research will include on-line surveys of all trustee candidates and interviews with about 100 candidates from across the province and school board systems.

Further details on these initiatives are included in the attachment. If you have any questions please contact me or Steve Andrews at [sandrews@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:sandrews@ocsta.on.ca).

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