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**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**SUBJECT:** **Canada Summer Jobs Program – Update**

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On March 1, an opposition motion on the issue of the Canada Summer Jobs Program was tabled in the House of Commons. The motion reads:

*That, in the opinion of the House, organizations that engage in non-political non-activist work, such as feeding the homeless, helping refugees, and giving kids an opportunity to go to camp, should be able to access Canada Summer Jobs funding regardless of their private convictions and regardless of whether or not they choose to sign the application attestation.*

This motion, unfortunately is not expected to change policy, but it does raise the profile on our concerns and may influence public debate and policy going forward.

It is expected that the House of Commons will vote on the motion on March 19. In response to this development the Archdiocese of Toronto has prepared a sample letter that they are inviting the community to send to Members of Parliament prior to the vote.

Full details on this advocacy effort is included in the attached memo from the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We thank His Eminence Cardinal Collins and Bishops throughout Ontario for their resolve and leadership on this important issue.

As we have asked in the past, we would appreciate it if you could forward to us copies of the letters sent to your local MPs.

*Attachment*