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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Nick Milanetti, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Trustee Candidate Research Project

Some of you may have recently received an invitation from a Research Director at Ryerson University requesting your participation in a survey that is part of the 2018 Trustee Candidate Research Project. The project was established with the support of the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) as part of OESC's efforts to improve and develop services and initiatives to support trustees in Ontario. The information gathered is to be used to promote the role of the trustee and improve civic engagement.

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that earlier this week the survey was prematurely issued to trustees without the review and approval of OESC. The version of the survey that was issued contained a few concerning and objectionable questions, one of which questioned trustees on the merger of Ontario's school systems.

OCSTA is appreciative of those members who contacted the Association to make us aware of this survey. We immediately contacted OESC who indicated to us that the survey was issued prematurely without final review.

The Ryerson Research Director has been informed and the offensive questions have been removed. While you may choose to complete the revised survey, please do not feel obliged to participate.

Attached for your reference is a letter from OESC explaining the 2018 Trustee Candidate Research Project in greater detail.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.