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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Beverley Eckensweiler, President

**SUBJECT:** **Health & Physical Education Curriculum Reforms: Public Consultation Process**

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On Friday, September 28, 2018, the Ministry of Education announced the launch of its review of the curriculum reform public consultations. As you are aware, the consultations will focus on the following areas:

1. Improving student performance in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
2. Preparing students with needed job skills, such as skilled trades and coding
3. Improving provincial standardized testing
4. Ensuring students graduate with important life skills, including financial literacy
5. Managing the use of technology in classrooms, such as cell phones
6. Building a new age-appropriate Health and Physical Education curriculum that includes subjects like mental health, sexual health education and the legalization of cannabis
7. Developing the first-ever Parents' Bill of Rights.

Consultation Process

The consultations will be conducted using the following methods:

1. Online survey
2. Telephone Town Halls in every region of Ontario
3. Dedicated submission package for parents and other organizations to present detailed proposals to the Ministry of Education.

Submissions can be sent to: [fortheparents@ontario.ca](mailto:fortheparents@ontario.ca) and:

- Include your name or the name of your organization
- Add "provincial consultations" as the subject
- Attach your submission as a PDF or Word document.

Closing Date: Written submissions will be due on **December 15, 2018**.

Further details can be found on the Ministry of Education's web site at:  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>.

### Next Steps

OCSTA will develop a detailed submission covering the curriculum areas outlined in the consultation background documents provided by the Ministry of Education. We will also participate in a select number of telephone town hall sessions to outline our board's concerns and suggestions. We would also encourage our member boards to participate in the consultation process.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Andrews at [sandrews@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:sandrews@ocsta.on.ca).