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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Beverley Eckensweiler, President

SUBJECT: Telephone Town Hall Meetings re Curriculum Consultations

The Ministry of Education has informed OCSTA that the next stage of the curriculum consultation process is live. The telephone town hall meetings will take place on various dates in October and November. Further dates may be arranged in the future.

1. October 25 – 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
2. October 27 – 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
3. November 1 - 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

There are separate sessions for boards in the northwest region. Those dates are:

- October 19 -12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
- November 14 - 6:30 pm to 8 pm

To participate you must register in advance and space is limited. Please go to the web site by clicking on the following link to register.

<https://www.ontario.ca/form/register-telephone-town-halls-about-education-ontario>

You must register by 4 pm the day before the town hall meeting if you wish to participate.

Each session is 90 minutes long and all comments provided are anonymous. The ministry will contact you just prior to the town hall using the telephone number provided so that you will be placed directly into the session.

The questions that will comprise the consultation include:

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Andrews at sandrews@ocsta.on.ca.