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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Beverley Eckensweiler, President

SUBJECT: Draft Regulation under Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety) Consultation

As you recall, on March 7, 2018, the government enacted new legislation, Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), 2018, ("Rowan's Law") as well as amendments to the *Education Act*. The goal of Rowan's Law is to increase awareness and minimize the risk of concussion. The Act establishes mandatory requirements for:

- Annual review of Concussion Awareness Resources by athletes, coaches, and parents/guardians before registering or serving within a sport organization;
- Sport organizations to establish Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocols, to ensure that an athlete is immediately removed from the sport if they are suspected of having sustained a concussion;
- A Concussion Code of Conduct that would set out rules of behaviour to minimize concussions while playing sport;
- When Rowan's Law received Royal Assent on March 7, 2018, the one section that was proclaimed was an annual "Rowan's Law Day". The first Rowan's Law Day was celebrated on September 26, 2018.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport is now seeking your input through a Consultation Paper on the proposed regulation under Rowan's Law. The proposed regulation is intended to provide details and clarity about the requirements set out in the legislation.

For further information on the regulation posting, the draft regulation and Consultation Paper please see the attached link:

<https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=28286&language=en>

Next Steps and Deadline for Input

OCSTA will review its previous submission (July, 2018) and potential regulations related to regulations under Rowan's Law and draft a further response to the draft regulation. **Comments are due on April 19, 2019.**

We would encourage boards to forward any concerns or issues in respect of the draft regulation to Steve Andrews at sandrews@ocsta.on.ca.