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### MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Beverley Eckensweiler, President

**SUBJECT: Update on Bullying Prevention Initiatives: Bullying Survey 2020**

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Further to the memorandum from November 27, 2019, on Wednesday February 26, 2020, the Minister of Education announced the launch of an on-line survey with respect to students' experiences with bullying. The survey is targeting students, parents and school board staff. Details of the survey can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-bullying-ontario-schools>.

The survey is part of the Ministry's initiatives to address the issue of bullying in Ontario schools. As stated by PC MPP Christina Mitas, Special Advisor on bullying prevention in today's announcement:

"In order to prevent bullying in our schools, we need to be aware of what's happening at the classroom level," said MPP Christina Mitas. "The online survey will help us better understand the ways in which bullying manifests in classroom settings. This will assist us in framing the problem and designing more effective programs - ones that will keep our children safe." (<https://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2020/02/ontario-combatting-bullying-in-schools-through-student-survey.html>).

### Next Steps

OCSTA is developing a best practice resource document and will be arranging a meeting with MPP Christina Mitas to discuss the innovation bullying prevention and management programs of our boards.

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