

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
to be held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive  
on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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<b>AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS</b>
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**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

\*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of August 28, 2018 be approved.

**STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Motion:

That Hannah Golden (Sudbury Secondary School) be appointed Student Trustee for the school year 2018-2019.

Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

\*Chair

**C. PRESENTATIONS NIL**

\*Chair

**D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

\*Director

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

\*Director

**1. Previous Minutes**

\*Chair

a) Motion:

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 be approved.

b) Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 be approved.

c) Motion:

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 be approved.

- d) Motion:  
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Thursday, July 19, 2018 be approved.
2. **Curriculum Items** \*Chair
- a) Indigenous Education Curriculum
- b) Health and Physical Education Curriculum
3. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** \*SBO
- a) Motion:  
That the Board award the contract to supply Propane, for the period September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2021 RFP 2018-19 to: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Motion:  
That the Board award the contract to supply Furnace Oil, for the period September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2021 RFP 2018-20 to: \_\_\_\_\_ .
- c) Motion:  
That the Board award the contract for winter maintenance services to the contractors listed on the attached spreadsheet as outlined in bold and highlighted.
4. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** \*Chair
- F. **NEW BUSINESS** \*Chair
1. **2018-2019 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians** \*Director
2. **2018-2019 Executive Council Portfolios and Family of Schools** \*Director
3. **Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution** \*SBO
- Motion:  
That the Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.
4. **OPSBA Fees** \*Chair
- Motion:  
That the 2018/19 membership fees in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be approved.

5. **Requests for Leave of Absence** \*Chair
- a) Motion:  
That Trustee Killens be granted a leave of absence from the July 19, 2018 Special Board meeting.
- b) Motion:  
That \_\_\_\_\_ be granted a leave of absence from the August 28, 2018 Board meeting.
6. **Director's Remarks** \*Director
7. **Other Items** \*Chair  
OPSBA Delegate  
Student Trustee
8. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** \*Chair  
*Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.*
9. **Chairperson's Remarks** \*Chair
- G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** \*Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
2. **Non-Staff Communications**  
Board and Strategic Planning Schedule of Meetings 2018-2019 (revised)  
Letter to Minister of Education Lisa Thompson dated July 11, 2018  
Letter from OPSBA dated August 10, 2018
- H. **FUTURE MEETINGS** \*Chair  
Student Senate Meeting September 10, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Sept 11, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Sept 12, 2018 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125  
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Sept 12, 2018 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125  
First Nation Advisory Committee Sept 13, 2018 10:00 am Centre for Education Room 125  
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee Sept 20, 2018 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Board Meeting September 25, 2018 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Parent Involvement Cmttee AGM October 16, 2018 7:00 pm Boardroom
- I. **ADJOURNMENT** \*Chair
- Motion:  
That we do now adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive  
on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 5:50 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala  
Absent: R. Ward, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett  
Officials: N. Blaseg - Director  
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 18-R74, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of May 8, 2018 be approved.  
– Carried

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL**

**C. REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD NIL**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 18-R75, D.Morrison/G.Santala

That we do now adjourn at 5:52 pm. - Carried

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, R. Ward, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, J Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: K. Dokis, C. McDonald, N. Mousseau and members of the public

Chair Dewar requested that cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 18-R98, J.Hunda R.Ward

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of July 3, 2018 be approved.

- **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

Chair Dewar presented outgoing Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett with a certificate of recognition on behalf of Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA). The Jack A. MacDonald Award of Merit recognizes a student who has a sound academic record and outstanding community service and leadership. Superintendent Noble, Principal McKibbin, the Director of Education and Trustees supported the submission and congratulated Madeleine for her role representing Rainbow District School Board throughout the province.

Director Blaseg thanked Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett for her strong voice at the board table on behalf of students and her involvement with the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) where she had an opportunity to affect change provincially and for her work as co-chair of the Student Well-Being Committee.

Madeleine was presented with a token of appreciation. Trustees and staff wished her well in her post-secondary education at the University of Toronto.

**D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD NIL**

## **E. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Previous Minutes**

- a) Motion: 18-R99, R.Ward/J.Kosmerly  
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 23, 2018 be approved.  
- **Carried**
- b) Motion: 18-R100, D.Morrison/J.Hunda  
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting - Budget held on May 29, 2018 be approved. - **Carried**
- c) Motion: 18-R101, B.Clement/R.Ward  
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 11, 2018 be approved.  
- **Carried**

### **2. Truth and Reconciliation**

Trustees had the opportunity to discuss the document attached to the agenda.

Motion: 18-R102, B.Clement/G.Fox

That the board approve *Truth and Reconciliation: A Commitment to Action*.

Trustee Fox and Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote.

*Bob Clement: In-favour  
Grace Fox: In-favour  
Larry Killens: In-favour  
Dena Morrison: In-favour  
Ruth Ward: In-favour*

*Doreen Dewar: In-favour  
Judy Hunda: in-favour  
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour  
Gord Santala: In-favour*

- **Carried unanimously**

Each trustee signed, endorsing Rainbow District School Board's commitment.

### **3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

- a) Motion: 18-R103, G.Santala/J.Kosmerly  
That the Board award the contract for Waste Disposal Services & Recycling Services- Tender # 2018-17 to Waste Management for \$388,575.13.  
- **Carried**
- b) Motion: 18-R104, J.Hunda/D.Morrison  
That the Board award the contract for Courier Service- Tender # 2018-18 to Jutras Group for \$201,276.92. - **Carried**

### **4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees**

#### **2018/2019 Budget**

Motion: 18-R105, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the Rainbow District School Board 2018/2019 budget be approved.

- **Carried**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Requests for Leave of Absence NIL**

**2. Director's Remarks**

Rainbow District School Board offers a Kindergarten Summer Camp for children starting school in September. Children will enjoy a variety of daily routines and fun activities including outdoor exploration.

The Camp will be offered from 9 am to 12 pm daily from Monday, August 20, 2018 to Thursday, August 30, 2018. To learn more or to register, please contact your child's school or the Board's website.

- A.B. Ellis Public School
- Adamsdale Public School
- Alexander Public School
- Algonquin Road Public School
- Assiginack Public School
- C.R. Judd Public School
- Chelmsford Public School
- Churchill Public School
- Cyril Varney Public School
- Copper Cliff Public School
- Lansdowne Public School
- Larchwood Public School
- Little Current Public School
- Markstay Public School
- Monetville Public School
- Northeastern Elementary School
- Princess Anne Public School
- Queen Elizabeth II Public School
- Redwood Acres Public School
- S. Geiger Public School

Thanks to all the trustees and staff for supporting our schools and their graduations. It was a great year and we look forward to more of the same in 2018/2019.

A reminder the Board office will be working on summer hours and will be closed starting Monday, July 23 and reopen on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

**Itinerary:**

May 29            Executive Council  
                     OPSEU Meeting

- May 30        ETFO Meeting  
Board Retirement Celebration
- May 31/June1 CODE – OPSBA Niagara Falls
- June 4        ETFO (Occasional) Meeting  
Lockerby Composite School Graduation (Cambrian College)
- June 5        Executive Council  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- June 6        Entrepreneur Fair, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School  
Confederation Secondary School Graduation
- June 7        N'Swakamok Native Alternative School Graduation  
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Graduation
- June 11       ESSU Meeting  
Special Board Meeting
- June 12       Tele-Conference, Kevin Lameroux (Truth & Reconciliation)  
Executive Council
- June 13       School Visits:  
Central Manitoulin Public School  
Manitoulin Secondary School  
Little Current Public School  
A.B Ellis Public School
- June 14       Sudbury Secondary School Graduation
- June 15       Espanola High School Co-op (Community appreciation luncheon)
- June 18       SATSO meeting  
Agenda Setting
- June 19       Challenge Meet, Laurentian University  
Science North, Life Time Honorary Awards
- June 20       Jean Hanson Public School Graduation
- June 21       Jean Hanson Public School (Community appreciation breakfast)  
Aboriginal Day – Bell Park  
Central Manitoulin Public School Graduation, Mindemoya
- June 22       C.C. McLean Public School Graduation, Gore Bay
- June 25       Community/School based poverty initiative meeting  
(Confederation Secondary School)



## Little Current Public School Graduation

- June 26      Tele-Conference, Kevin Lameroux (Truth & Reconciliation) part 2  
Executive Council  
Assiginack Public School Graduation, Manitowaning
- June 27      Exec Council – Mental Health Strategy  
School Visits:  
                Cyril Varney Public School  
                Churchill Public School  
A.B Ellis Public School Graduation, Espanola
- June 28      Safe Schools meeting  
School Visits:  
                Algonquin Road Public School  
                Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School  
                Sudbury Secondary School  
Manitoulin Secondary School Graduation, M'Chigeeng
- July 3        Executive Council  
Board Meeting

### 3. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate - Trustee Clement reported that because of the Municipal Elections the next OPSBA meeting is scheduled for December 2018.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Leach Jarrett spoke about the June 18 Student Senate meeting when both current and in-coming student trustees had the opportunity to work together and look ahead to the 2018-2019 school year.

Student Trustee Leach Jarrett thanked everyone around the board table for their commitment to student voice and specifically for supporting mental well-being in Rainbow schools.

### 4. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison thanked Student Trustee Leach Jarrett for her contribution to Rainbow District School Board. Trustee Morrison also thanked school staff for the tremendous work done in preparation for the graduation ceremonies and proudly advised that Barrydowne College had 75 students graduate this year.

Trustee Kosmerly spoke about letters from Peel District School Board and from Conseil scolaire-catholique Franco Nord that she was going to bring forward for discussion on behalf of SEAC (as noted in the May 23 Board minutes). She advised that after further discussion, SEAC decided no action is required.

Trustee Kosmerly brought forward a motion from the May 2, 2018 SEAC meeting:

Motion: 18-R106, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That Rainbow District School Board write a letter to Ministry of Education, with a cc to all Provincial SEACs, to request that it provide funding to boards to support the extraordinary needs of students regardless of whether the students are in a self-contained classroom or a mainstream classroom. - **Carried**

Motion: 18-R107, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That Rainbow District School Board write a letter to Minister Lisa Thompson to congratulate her on her new position as Minister of Education. - **Carried**

## 5. **Chairperson's Remarks**

On behalf of the Board, I would like to congratulate all of the graduates of Rainbow Schools. We wish our Grade 8 students who are entering Grade 9 continued success as they make the transition from elementary school to secondary school. We also extend best wishes to our Grade 12 graduates who are moving ahead into the world of work, independent living, an apprenticeship, college or university.

Our staff has given them a wonderful foundation. May they continue to fulfill their aspirations.

I would also like to thank our staff for their efforts at supporting student success throughout the school year.

The thought for the summer comes from Herm Albright, a United States general, who said, "*A positive attitude may not solve all your problems but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.*"

Along with a positive attitude, I wish everyone a safe and restful summer.

## G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

### 1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Frist Nation Advisory Committee minutes February 15, 2018 (official)  
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes May 2, 2018 (official)

### 2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Grand Erie DSB dated May 22, 2018  
Letter from Ontario Public School Boards' Association dated June 8, 2018

## H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Board Meeting August 28, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Strategic Planning Committee September 11, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

## I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 18-R108, D.Morrison/R.Ward

That we now adjourn at 5:45 p.m. - **Carried.**

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, R. Ward  
Absent: L. Killens, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett  
Officials: N. Blaseg - Director  
Others: H. Thirkill, members of the public

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 18-R109, R.Ward/G.Santala

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of July 3, 2018 be approved.

– **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL**

**C. REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Motion: 18-R110, B.Clement/D.Morrison

That Trustee Larry Killens be censured for inappropriate interactions with outside individuals to encourage and/or facilitate litigations against the Board, undermining decisions of the Board, sharing confidential information and making false and disparaging comments about staff and members of the Board.

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote.

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Grace Fox: In-favour*  
*Larry Killens – Absent*  
*Dena Morrison: In-favour*  
*Ruth Ward: In-favour*

*Doreen Dewar: In-favour*  
*Judy Hunda: in-favour*  
*Judy Kosmerly: In-favour*  
*Gord Santala: In-favour*

– **Carried**

Motion: 18-R111, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That considering that this is Trustee Killens' sixth sanction for violating the Code Of Conduct, that, employing progressive discipline, he be sanctioned and barred from attendance at all meetings of the Board effective immediately until November 30, 2018.

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote.

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Grace Fox: In-favour*  
*Larry Killens – Absent*  
*Dena Morrison: In-favour*  
*Ruth Ward: In-favour*

*Doreen Dewar: In-favour*  
*Judy Hunda: in-favour*  
*Judy Kosmerly: In-favour*  
*Gord Santala: In-favour*  
- **Carried**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 18-R112, G.Santala/D.Morrison  
That we do now adjourn at 6:55 pm. - **Carried**

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**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive  
on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 5:25 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, R. Ward  
Absent: L. Killens, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
B. Bourget, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents  
Others: Members of the public

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 18-R113, D.Morrison/R.Ward

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of July 19, 2018 be approved.

– **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL**

**C. REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Motion: 18-R114, R.Ward/B.Clement

That the determination that Trustee Larry Killens be censured for inappropriate interactions with outside individuals to encourage and/or facilitate litigations against the Board, undermining decisions of the Board, sharing confidential information and making false and disparaging comments about staff and members of the Board be confirmed.

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote.

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Grace Fox: In-favour*  
*Larry Killens – Absent*  
*Dena Morrison: In-favour*  
*Ruth Ward: In-favour*

*Doreen Dewar: In-favour*  
*Judy Hunda: In-favour*  
*Judy Kosmerly: In-favour*  
*Gord Santala: In-favour*

**- Carried unanimously**

Motion: 18-R115, B.Clement/R.Ward

That the motion that considering that this is Trustee Killens' sixth sanction for violating the Code Of Conduct, that, employing progressive discipline, he be sanctioned and barred from attendance at all meetings of the Board effective immediately until November 30, 2018 be confirmed.

Trustee Morrison requested a poll vote.

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Grace Fox: In-favour*  
*Larry Killens – Absent*  
*Dena Morrison: In-favour*  
*Ruth Ward: In-favour*

*Doreen Dewar: In-favour*  
*Judy Hunda: In-favour*  
*Judy Kosmerly: In-favour*  
*Gord Santala: In-favour*

**- Carried unanimously**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 18-R116, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That we do now adjourn at 5:28 pm. - Carried

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**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
BORROWING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF MONEY TO MEET CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (THE "Board")**

- A. In accordance with Subsection 243(1) of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990) (the "Act"), the Board considers it necessary to borrow the amount of up to Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) to meet, until current revenue is received, the current expenditures of the Board for the period commencing on September 1, 2018 and ending on August 31, 2019 (the "Period").
- B. Pursuant to Subsection 243(3) of the Act, the total amount borrowed pursuant to this Resolution together with the total of any similar borrowings and any accrued interest on those borrowings is not to exceed the unreceived balance of the estimated revenues of the Board for the Period.
- C. The total amount previously borrowed by the Board pursuant to Section 243 that has not been repaid is \$0.
- D. The amount borrowed for current expenditures is within the Board's Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education from time to time.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. The Chair or Vice Chair and the Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of promissory note, or overdraft, or bankers' acceptance from Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") or from any other approved lender authorized for borrowing purposes in accordance with Section 243 of the Act a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current expenditures of the Board for the Period (including the amounts required for the purposes mentioned in Subsection 243(1) and 243(2) of the Act), and to give to CIBC or to any other approved lender promissory notes or bankers' acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by any two of the Chair or Vice Chair and the Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with CIBC or any other approved lender;
- 2. The interest charged on all sums borrowed pursuant to this Resolution plus any related charges, is not to exceed the interest that would be payable at the prime lending rate of the chartered banks listed in Schedule 1 of the Bank Act (Canada) on the date of borrowing;
- 3. The Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed plus interest, all of the moneys collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board;
- 4. The Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver to CIBC or any other approved lender from time to time upon request a statement showing (a) the total amount of unpaid previous borrowings of the Board for current expenditures together with debt charges, if any, and (b) the uncollected balance of the estimated revenues for the current year or, where the estimates have not been adopted, the estimated revenues of the previous year less any current revenue already collected.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution of the Board in the Province of Ontario, duly passed at a meeting of the Board and that this Resolution is in force and effect.

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

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Chair

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Secretary



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**Leading Education's Advocates**

June 27, 2018

TO: Doreen Dewar, Board Chair and Norm Blaseg, Director of Education  
CC: Dennis Bazinet, Superintendent of Business

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

Trustees and school boards make a significant and direct contribution to the achievement and well-being of all students through their leadership in directing the policies and priorities that shape a collaborative culture of continuous improvement. Supporting these contributions is the Ontario Public School Boards' Association's (OPSBA) primary role.

This past year has been an active one, as we continued work on behalf of all public school boards with a wide variety of education stakeholders across the province and the country. We are ready to work with the newly elected provincial government and the other parties represented in the Legislature. OPSBA staff will be establishing meetings with the new Minister of Education and their staff.

The success of OPSBA is strengthened by the collective commitment of our members to the value of publicly funded education. We appreciate this opportunity to share with you some highlights of our work as an Association that support you in your role and the many benefits OPSBA membership offers our member boards.

The Association is represented on a number of key government working tables. We take pride in the range of successful outcomes resulting from our advocacy and input in many areas that are critical to supporting student achievement and well-being for all students and their families. Some of our accomplishments this year include:

- **Provincial, Municipal and School Board Elections** - OPSBA is again partnering with the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) to coordinate a [series of resources](#) to support trustee candidates and communities for the October 22 Municipal and School Board elections occurring across Ontario. OPSBA also declared May 23 as [Education Day](#) in Ontario in advance of the June 7 provincial election and provided supporting resources as a number of trustees hosted non-partisan Education Day forums, inviting candidates from the major provincial parties to share their party's education platforms.
- **Mental Health and Well-Being** - OPSBA continues in its role as founding member of the [Ontario Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health](#), which hosted the successful 2018 [Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health](#) in April, attracting hundreds of attendees from school boards and community partners. OPSBA and the Coalition's advocacy has led to significant mental health investments in the public education system for 2018-19 and beyond.
- **Equity and Inclusion** - OPSBA is providing ongoing input into the government's implementation of the Equity Action Plan, with equity and inclusion featured as a central focus at the fall 2017 OPSBA work team meetings and the 2018 Public Education Symposium. OPSBA staff and representative trustees advocated



for and participated in a planning committee for trustee professional development in the area of human rights, equity and ethical leadership. These efforts resulted in the creation of an inaugural training session for trustees in the area of human rights, equity and inclusion and provided feedback for improvement.

- **Indigenous Education** - OPSBA's Indigenous Trustees' Council has engaged in a range of initiatives to support the education of Indigenous students, and to ensure all students are educated about the history and culture of Indigenous peoples. Under the guidance of OPSBA, [Module 20](#) of the Trustee Professional Development program was completed, and the Module (A Journey towards Truth and Reconciliation) was released at OPSBA's Public Education Symposium in January 2018.
- **Education Funding** - In 2017-18, OPSBA staff [submitted a brief](#) during the Ministry's consultations regarding the development of the 2018-19 GSN, identifying several areas of advocacy and concern that have been expressed to the Association through consultation with school boards and school authorities including the re-establishment of the Local Priorities Grant, special education, children and youth mental health, administrative funding (including executive compensation) professional development for educators, capital funding/school operating budgets, and technology and digital resources.
- **Labour Relations** - As the designated bargaining agent for all English public school boards in the province, OPSBA's labour relations staff continue to work to systematize both the implementation of current collective agreements and prepare for the next round of bargaining.
- **Northern, Rural and Remote Education** – OPSBA has been working to support a Northern graduation strategy over the past two years. In addition to compiling data, organizing meetings and ongoing communication with the Minister of Education and Ministry staff, OPSBA facilitated the October Northern Region Meeting and Program in Sault Ste. Marie. This meeting focused on an in-depth dialogue with the Minister and staff in areas of equity, special education, well-being, Indigenous education, experiential learning, Specialist High Skills Major programs, as well as differentiated funding, resourcing, programming and services to better support Northern Ontario students and school boards.
- **French as a Second Language (FSL)** - OPSBA is leading the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) [Labour Market Partnership Project](#) with all education partners, including the Ministry of Education, the Ontario College of Teachers and the Deans for the Faculties of Education, to determine recommendations to support increasing the supply pipeline with qualified and language proficient French language teachers. This is a one-year project that can be extended by application to MAESD for approval up to three years.
- **Legislative Submissions** - OPSBA engaged in a wide range of advocacy work, related to the provincial government's legislative and regulatory agenda, including [submissions and letters](#) regarding: Bill 148, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act; Bill 174, Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statue Law; The Sector Engagement regarding Governance-Related Issues; Draft Revisions to the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) and Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline (CPPG); The New Vision for Student Transportation in Ontario; and the Education Accessibility Standard Engagement.

After 15 years, the political landscape in Ontario has changed. With that change comes a renewed emphasis on our priorities, which include stable, predictable funding that supports school operations and ultimately students. In addition to our strong partnerships with the many education-based organizations in Ontario, and beyond, the Association also has a 30-year history of building positive and mutually respectful working relationships with politicians and staff from all parties represented in the Ontario Legislature. These relationships allow us to successfully represent the voice of our public school boards on the many issues that affect our students and communities and will continue to be a strategic component in providing a comprehensive range of services that produces results on behalf of our members.

**Our programs and services are highly cost effective.** The financial benefits of membership far exceed not only the membership fee itself, but the outcomes that could be achieved by boards acting individually. Working with our partners at the OESC, our interventions on copyright tariffs, natural gas rates and electricity rates have continued to create significant savings for all school boards and cover membership fees many times over. When this is combined with the other benefits created through our coordination and advocacy, the value of membership speaks for itself.

Examples of 2017-18 savings realized for:

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Savings in Copyright Fees: \$ 30,450**

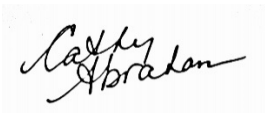
**Savings in Energy Costs: \$ 380,100**

The 2018-2019 OPSBA membership fee for your board is \$ 39,593.

You are invited to [review more information](http://www.opsba.org) about the valuable services OPSBA offers your board by visiting [www.opsba.org](http://www.opsba.org).

We thank you for your continued membership and valued participation in OPSBA this coming year.

Best Regards,



Cathy Abraham  
President



W.R. (Rusty) Hick  
Executive Director

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Attachment: Invoice for the 2018-2019 OPSBA membership fee



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Invoice to:		<b>Rainbow District School Board</b> <b>69 Young Street</b> <b>Sudbury, Ontario</b> <b>P3E 3G5</b>	
<b>Invoice# 030-18/19</b>		<b>Date: September 01, 2018</b>	<b>HST #10780 0344 RT 0001</b>
<b>QTY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
	<b>2018-2019 Membership Fee</b> <b>September 01, 2018 to August 31, 2019</b>  * Final Billing		\$39,593.00
Please make cheque payable to:		Subtotal	\$39,593.00
<b>Ontario Public School Boards' Association</b>		HST @ 13%	\$5,147.09
Terms of Payment : Due upon receipt		Total	\$44,740.09

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**BOARD / STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETINGS**  
**August 2018 - June 2019**

MEETING DATES
August 28, 2018 (Board)
September 11, 2018 (SP) September 25, 2018 (Board)
October 9, 2018 (SP) October 23, 2018 (Board)
November 6, 2018 (SP) November 20, 2018 (Board)
November 27, 2018 (SP) December 3, 2018 (Organizational - Monday) December 11, 2018 (Board)
January 15, 2019 (SP) January 29, 2019 (Board)
February 5, 2019 (SP) February 19, 2019 (Board)
March 5, 2019 (SP) March 19, 2019 (Board)
April 9, 2019 (SP) April 23, 2019 (Board)
May 7, 2019 (SP) May 22, 2019 (Board & Awards) <small>Wednesday</small> May 28, 2019 (Budget)
June 11, 2019 (SP) July 2, 2019 (Board)

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July 11, 2018

Lisa Thompson  
Minister of Education  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Minister Thompson:

On behalf of the Trustees of Rainbow District School Board, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Education.

As you assume your most important role as Minister of Education, please consider the need to maintain peace and stability in our Ontario schools, the impact of declining enrolment on school board budgets, and the need for multi-year funding to enable school boards to plan ahead. We also have many aging facilities that require capital funding for renewal.

We ask that you consider the unique needs of Northern boards, like Rainbow District School Board, which serves a broad geographic area including Sudbury, Espanola, Manitoulin Island and Shining Tree.

In Rainbow Schools, we inspire success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. To learn more about our strategic directions, including our vision, mission, values and priorities, please visit our website at <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/about-us/>

To find out how we are achieving our priorities, you may wish to review our 2016-2017 Annual Report which is available online at the following link: <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/about-us/broader-public-sector/>

In closing, I would like to extend to you an invitation to visit our schools at any time. We welcome the opportunity to introduce you to our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Doreen Dewar  
Chair



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August 10, 2018

Dear Minister Thompson,

This is a follow-up to our [letter dated July 25, 2018](#). The vast majority of our member boards have sent letters to you or made public statements regarding the status of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. Those letters and public statements have emphasized concerns regarding health and safety issues related to all students, the significant time constraint issues with the announced change in curricular expectations, and the need for an expedited consultation process. Given these significant issues, OPSBA is respectfully advocating for a status quo position regarding the Health and Physical Education 2015 (revised) curriculum for September 2018.

As outlined in our previous letter, OPSBA understands and respects the government's commitment to consult on the revised curriculum. As always, we are willing to offer our assistance and expertise in discussing options, as well as using our existing consultation mechanisms. All of our member school boards are committed to supporting and acting in the best interests of all of our students to ensure their health, safety and inclusion.

OPSBA looks forward to meeting and working collaboratively with you to expedite this process.

Sincerely,

Cathy Abraham  
President  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association

CC: Office of the Premier  
Chairs of OPSBA Member Boards