



AGENDA – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 – 5:00 PM

Limestone Education Centre

220 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston, ON

Link: <http://bit.ly/LDSBBoardEPOCApril7>

PUBLIC MEETING – 5:00 PM

Acknowledgement of Territory, by Trustee Elliott: “The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land.”

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SECTION A – Matters Requiring Action at the Meeting

- 3. ORDER OF BUSINESS**
 - 3.1 OPSBA Policy Resolution Submission** (Will be sent under separate cover)
 - 3.2 Election of Board OPSBA Representative**
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

OPSBA POLICY RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM

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Rationale

Whereas, public school boards across Ontario are acting to address racism in education and improve Indigenous education, and

Whereas, the colonial Ontario Regulation 462/97 presently limits school boards to only having a designated Indigenous Trustee if they have a reciprocal education agreement with a First Nation for students attending schools in their board, and

Whereas, some school boards may not have an Indigenous community in their geographic boundary and/or fewer self-identified students, and further, that Indigenous students may include members of multiple other Indigenous communities, urban Indigenous, Metis or Inuit populations outside of a Reciprocal Education Agreement as evidenced in Student Census data, and

Whereas, several school boards have designated Indigenous Student Trustees in an effort to support Indigenous voice, but Student Trustees do not have the full responsibilities, accountabilities and authorities in governing and decision-making as elected Trustees, and

Whereas, one of the Limestone District School Board's Strategic Goals is "to improve student achievement and well-being, promote diversity and foster a sense of belonging (cultivate, nurture)" with numerous initiatives to engage, empower and welcome Indigenous students and families, and

Whereas, Canadians have a duty to implement the Calls to Action of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and further, elected Trustees have legal obligations and responsibilities to uphold Human Rights and Equity, and

Whereas, one of OPSBA's key priorities and work is "Advancing Reconciliation – First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Education.

Resolution

Be it resolved, that OPSBA lobby the Ministry of Education to revise Regulation 462/97, or provide an alternative mechanism, in order for boards to have a process to add an additional, funded designated Indigenous Trustee.

Respectfully submitted,

Date of Submission: April 14, 2021

Name of Member Board Representative: Laurie French

Title of Member Board Representative: Trustee, Past President OPSBA

Name of Member Board: Limestone DSB