

April 19, 2021

RE: **Inclusive Racial and Cultural Curriculum**

Minister Lecce,

I am writing on behalf of the Halton Catholic District School Board to request a review and revision of the Ontario curriculum to ensure diverse perspectives and experiences are better reflected in our classrooms.

As a Catholic school district, we are committed to creating safe, inclusive and welcoming learning environments that support student achievement and well-being in our schools. This commitment is met in a variety of ways, including the policies that we write and implement, the leadership we promote and aspire to, the relationships we hold and nurture in our community, and the curriculum and assessment practices that are in place in our classrooms.

As outlined in [Ontario's Education Action Plan](#), one of the key actions necessary to creating and maintaining equity and inclusion in our schools is strengthening inclusive culturally responsive and relevant curriculum, assessment and resources are available to educators. This is reflected in our Board [Policy II-45 Equity and Inclusive Education](#), which states "students must be represented in the curriculum and heard in the assessment and evaluation."

To that end, **we are writing to formally request a review and revision of the Ontario curriculum to better incorporate the culture and history of racialized and marginalized students and staff, including: women, people with disabilities, Black and Indigenous People, People of Colour, and 2SLGBTQ+ individuals.**

Ensuring that our schools are safe, inclusive and welcoming environments is essential to improving student achievement and well-being. The Ministry's support in implementing revisions to the Ontario curriculum that reflect diverse perspectives and experiences is absolutely necessary to meeting our shared responsibility to the students we serve.

Sincerely,



Patrick Murphy  
Chair of the Board

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