



Durham Catholic District School Board  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.

**DCDSB Boardroom**

652 Rossland Road West, Oshawa

## **AGENDA**

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

a.1 Memorials and Prayer L. Smart

a.2 Roll Call and Apologies

### **B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

b.1 Changes to Printed Agenda

b.2 Approval of Agenda

### **C. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

c.1 Resignation of Member

### **D. CONSIDERATIONS OF MOTIONS**

### **E. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

e.1 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

### **F. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN**

f.1 Approval of Minutes of the Special Education  
Advisory Committee Meeting of May 3, 2016

f.2 Business arising from the Special Education Advisory Committee  
Meeting of May 3, 2016

### **G. PRESENTATIONS**

g.1 Special Education Plan M. Meraw

H. **DELEGATIONS**

I. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

J. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

j.1 SEAC Terms of Reference

K. **STAFF REPORTS**

k.1 Coordinator's Report  
k.2 Superintendent's Report

M. Meraw  
J. Bowyer

L. **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

M. **CORRESPONDENCE**

m.1 District School Board of Niagara

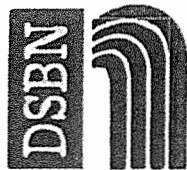
N. **INQUIRIES AND MISCELLANEOUS**

O. **PENDING ITEMS**

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre.

Q. **CLOSING PRAYER**



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The Honorable Tracy MacCharles  
Minister of Children and Youth Services  
Mowat Block, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister MacCharles:

On behalf of the Special Education Advisory Committee of the District School Board of Niagara, we would like to commend the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for investing in programs and services for children and families on the Autism Spectrum. We also support the goal to reduce wait times for families to access these services and recognize the importance of early intervention for children on the Autism Spectrum. Schools are important partners with families and we look forward to what the future holds in this area.

There are many positive aspects to this announcement; however, one issue remains a serious concern. Despite families being on the wait list, sometimes for years, many are at risk of being denied the very services that will support children reach their very best potential because of the age they will be at when these services are to be offered. While early intervention is important, it is our opinion that those families who have already been deemed eligible to be on the wait list should not be excluded. Many of these families are devastated and do not have the financial resources to be able to provide the appropriate services privately.

*We ask that the Ministry of Children and Youth Services grandparent the families who are already on the wait list for Intensive Behavioural Intervention services when moving forward with the plan to reduce wait times.*

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Linda Morrice'.

Linda Morrice,  
Chair  
Special Education Advisory Committee  
District School Board of Niagara

c: Ontario School Board SEAC Chairs