Appendix A: Task Force Chair and Expert Advisers

Head of the Education Equality Task Force

Dr. Mordechai Rozanski has been president of the University of Guelph since 1993. He is its longest serving president and a professor in the department of history. Dr. Rozanski is also chair of the Council of Ontario Universities. He holds a bachelor of arts in history from McGill University and a doctorate in Chinese history from the University of Pennsylvania. As well, Dr. Rozanski has been a Canada Council Fellow at New Asia College in Hong Kong, a Lily Fellow at Stanford University, and an American Historical Association Fellow at Columbia University.

Expert Advisers

Lynn Beyak is a small business owner from northwestern Ontario. Active in education since 1982, she is a former chair of the Ontario Parent Council, trustee and vice-chair of the Fort Frances Rainy River Board of Education, delegate for the West Rainy River District Home and School Association, and parent volunteer. She is an ambassador for Ontario’s Promise for Children and Youth and an active community volunteer. Ms. Beyak retired as a trustee in 1997.

Brian Cain, a certified management accountant and school business official for 32 years, served as the superintendent of business for the former Grey and Durham Boards of Education and as executive officer of business services for the North York Board of Education and the Toronto District School Board. Mr. Cain retired in 2001.

Mariette Carrier-Fraser served in Ontario’s education system for more than 36 years. She taught school in both northern and southern Ontario communities, became principal of a French-language school, and then joined the Ministry of Education as a regional superintendent for French-language schools. In her provincial government career, Ms. Carrier-Fraser was assistant deputy minister for French-language education in both the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, and assistant deputy minister of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary operations and of French-language education in the Ministry of Education. She retired in 1997.

Patrick Slack held a variety of positions during 42 years in the Ontario education system. He served as a teacher, vice-principal, and principal at both the elementary and secondary levels. He was also superintendent of the Frontenac-Lennox and Addington Roman Catholic Separate School Board and executive director of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association. Mr. Slack has also served with the Ontario Teachers’ Federation, the Leeds and Grenville Board of Education, the Eastern Ontario Secondary School Principals’ Council, and the provincial committee for new Catholic supervisory officers. He retired in 2001.

Ann Vanstone was a trustee and chair of both the Toronto Board of Education and the Metropolitan Toronto School Board. During that time, she was also a member of the Working Group on Education Finance Reform. In 1997, she retired from the Metro board and was appointed co-chair of the Education Improvement Commission, which oversaw the amalgamation of Ontario’s English-language school boards and the establishment of the French-language school board system in the province. In 2001, Ms. Vanstone served as co-chair of the Task Force on Effective Schools.