MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education, All Catholic District School Boards

FROM: Gabriel F. Sékaly
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DATE: August 28, 2012

SUBJECT: Putting Students First Act, 2012

It is my understanding that Chairs and Directors of all boards yesterday received a communication from OCSTA regarding the revised legislation that the Minister of Education presented for first reading in the Legislative Assembly and its impact on the non-monetary provisions in the MOU between OECTA and the Government of Ontario.

The communication from OCSTA is based on a misunderstanding of the provisions under Section 19 of the proposed legislation. In fact, all Catholic boards will be required under the legislation to adopt the fair and transparent hiring practices outlined in the OECTA MOU as well as changes to diagnostic assessment practices that will be released through a Ministry of Education PPM.

For additional details, please find attached a copy of my memo to the Minister of Education that clearly lays out the changes in the proposed legislation and their rationale and impact.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Gabriel F. Sékaly

Attachment: