



March 19, 2014

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Lester B. Pearson School Board
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Subject: Consultation Response: "Arts and Culture in Education Policy"

Dear Me. Poliquin,

In regard to this proposed Policy, the Special Needs Advisory Committee would like to make the following suggestions:

- 1) Add to the "Objectives" section on Page 5: "All reasonable efforts will be made to put into place the required supports such that all students with Special Needs are included to the fullest extent possible, and participate in extracurricular activities and field trips, including Arts and Culture related activities. This may require advance planning of additional aide resources and/or funding allocation for special provisions, such as special bussing, by Governing Boards and Administration."
- 2) On Page 6, under the list of members for the proposed "ESD Arts and Culture in Education Committee", it is suggested that a Parent member be included on this committee in order to provide the parents' perspective, perhaps a member from the Central Parents' Committee.
- 3) Page 7, Roles and Responsibilities, The School or Centre Administration: add "Ensure that all reasonable efforts will be made to put into place the required supports such that all students with Special Needs are included to the fullest extent possible, and participate in extracurricular activities and field trips, including Arts and Culture related activities."
- 4) Page 8, Roles and Responsibilities, The Governing Board: add "Ensure that when events are reviewed and approved that plans are made as required for the inclusion of all students with Special Needs, such as additional aide resources and/or funding allocation for special provisions, such as special bussing."

Thank-you for the opportunity to participate in this consultation.

Respectfully,

Sandra Buckingham
Chairperson, Special Needs Advisory Committee, LBPSB 2013-2014

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Central Parents' Committee, LBPSB