

Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustees Mammoliti and Brown)

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In accordance with Board Bylaw 5.15.2, notice of the following motion was provided at the special meeting of the Planning and Priorities Committee on January 12, 2021 and is therefore submitted for consideration at this time.

5.15.2 A notice of motion will be introduced by a member who is present as an advance notification of a matter at Board or Committee, and will be considered at a subsequent Committee meeting. A notice of motion will not be debated at the meeting at which it is introduced...

5.15.2 (c) A notice of motion submitted prior to, or at a committee meeting, will be considered at a subsequent committee meeting...

Vaccinations for Education Staff

Whereas, education workers face elevated risks for contracting COVID-19 due to their daily exposure to large numbers of students for extended periods of time where physical distancing is often times not possible; and

Whereas, remote learning cannot replace in-person instruction long term, creates equity gaps and, over time, poses significant risks to the mental health and well-being of not only staff but children, where it can inhibit developmentally-appropriate socialization, and challenge effective delivery of special education services; and

Whereas, no matter the heroic efforts of teachers and education workers, the longer the pandemic continues and schools remain closed, the risk of gaps in student learning, progress and achievement grows; and

Whereas, the Provincial Government has acknowledged the importance of prioritizing in-person learning in their COVID-19 response plan;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Chair of Board send a letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministers of Health and Education to request that teachers and other education workers be included as a priority population in Ontario's Vaccine Distribution Implementation plan¹;

¹ <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-covid-19-vaccine-distribution-implementation-plan-en-2020-12-11-v3.pdf>

- (b) That Toronto Public Health, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the chairs of all Ontario school boards be copied on the correspondence at Part (a).