



Date: **April 25, 2023**
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Subject: **Policy Approval – Secondary Curriculum**

Background

Sec. A Policy - Student Trustee on the Board was reviewed and approved by the Policy Vetting Committee on March 28, 2023 to be brought forward to the Board for final approval. One significant change to the policy and the procedure to satisfy the recent court decision of *Kandaharian v. York Catholic District School Board*. The secondary student trustee cannot be required to be Catholic although the board can maintain that the student uphold Catholic values.

Sec. B Policy - Qualifications for Secondary School Religion Teachers was reviewed and approved by the Policy Vetting Committee on March 28, 2023 to be brought forward to the Board for final approval. This policy had minor changes and grammatical edits.

Sec. C Policy - Supervised Alternative Learning was reviewed and approved by the Policy Vetting Committee on March 28, 2023 to be brought forward to the Board for final approval. The policy and procedure have been updated with special attention to equity and inclusion to improve access for students and parents of diverse educational backgrounds, modernize the language to remove stigma, and promote quality programming for students engaged in the Supervised Alternative Learning Program. Notably, the procedure, which was heavily based on the Ministry of Education document: *Supervised Alternative Learning – Policy and Implementation 2010* has been moved to a modernized *Supervised Alternative Learning Handbook* to improve access for staff, students and parents and will be available on the school and board websites.

Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Policy Approval – Secondary Curriculum* for information.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec. A Policy – Student Trustee on the Board*, effective April 25, 2023.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec. B Policy – Qualifications for Secondary School Religion Teachers*, effective April 25, 2023.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec. C Policy – Supervised Alternative Learning*, effective April 25, 2023.