

Leading Education's Advocates

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Dear Minister Thompson,

This is a follow-up to our <u>letter dated July 25, 2018</u>. The vast majority of our member boards have sent letters to you or made public statements regarding the status of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. Those letters and public statements have emphasized concerns regarding health and safety issues related to all students, the significant time constraint issues with the announced change in curricular expectations, and the need for an expedited consultation process. Given these significant issues, OPSBA is respectfully advocating for a status quo position regarding the Health and Physical Education 2015 (revised) curriculum for September 2018.

As outlined in our previous letter, OPSBA understands and respects the government's commitment to consult on the revised curriculum. As always, we are willing to offer our assistance and expertise in discussing options, as well as using our existing consultation mechanisms. All of our member school boards are committed to supporting and acting in the best interests of all of our students to ensure their health, safety and inclusion.

OPSBA looks forward to meeting and working collaboratively with you to expedite this process.

Sincerely,

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CC: Office of the Premier Chairs of OPSBA Member Boards