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Ontario Public School Boards' Association Black Trustees' Caucus Liaison – Job Posting

Black Trustees' Caucus Liaison

Summary:

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) and its Black Trustees' Caucus (BTC) are seeking a dynamic, passionate, and experienced individual to join the team as the BTC Liaison.

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association advocates for public education in Ontario and is an expert voice, promoting a high-quality education system, focused on improving every student's success and well-being. OPSBA values Truth and Reconciliation; equity, diversity and inclusion; student voice; quality and innovation; and good governance. OPSBA represents English public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario, which together serve more than 1.3 million public elementary and secondary students.

OPSBA's recently formed BTC saw a record number of Black-identifying Trustees elected to local school boards during the 2022 Municipal Elections. Within OPSBA, the BTC is working on establishing its Terms of Reference with a view toward engaging in a range of initiatives to support the education of Black students. The BTC Liaison will provide direct support to the Caucus, exhibit leadership within the OPSBA staff team, promotes cross-cultural understanding and awareness, embed anti-Black racism advocacy and action into the work of the Association, and facilitate communication and connection between the BTC and OPSBA.

What to expect in this role:

As a key member of the OPSBA team, you will:

- provide direct support to the BTC
- represent the Caucus through participating in external consultations as required
- provide leadership within the OPSBA staff team in its work to support Black student achievement and address anti-Black racism
- promote cross-cultural understanding and awareness
- gather and share best practices related to relevant initiatives in local boards
- facilitate connection between the BTC and OPSBA

Your qualifications:

The following education, experience and skills are considered assets:

- Master's Degree or Bachelor Degree

- Leadership experience as a senior school board official is an asset
- Comprehensive knowledge and understanding of Ontario's public school boards or K-12 education sector
- Experience liaising with governments and other political organizations, with demonstrated political acumen
- Excellent written and oral communication and problem-solving skills
- Team-oriented with strong interpersonal skills

Job term: One-year contract, with possibility of extension

Hours of work: Flexible, approximately two to three days per month

Compensation: Competitive, commensurate with experience.

Preference will be given to candidates who identify as Black (African-Canadian or having African ancestry) for this position. Should you have any questions about the role, please direct them to inquiry@opsba.org.

How to apply:

You are welcome to send a resume and cover letter to Stephanie Donaldson, Executive Director, Ontario Public School Boards Association at inquiry@opsba.org by March 26, 2023.

After you apply:

If you are invited to participate in our evaluation process, you will be contacted by phone or email and provided with details on the location and estimated length of time for an interview/evaluation. This process may be conducted virtually. We are committed to being an inclusive employer and, as such, if you receive an invitation you will be asked if you have any accommodation needs in order to allow you to participate equally in the hiring process to your full potential as per Ontario's Human Rights Code.