



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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**DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM
FOR STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEES**

Delegation No. ____

- Public Session
- Private Session
- Three (3) Minutes

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Name	Samantha Adebisi
Committee	Student Achievement and Well-Being Catholic Education Human Resources
Date of Presentation	2/4/2021
Topic of Presentation	Black Achiever Initiative
Topic or Issue	Completion rate of Black students in schools
Details	<p>Black Achievers is a cluster mentoring initiative that will provide Black youth with the opportunity to develop professionally (academically and career-wise), socially and mentally with the support of Black adult professionals/role models. The program will run from September to June (school year) and youth will meet weekly.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To positively impact Black youth and give them hope for their futures through personal, social and leadership development, and cultural pride • To provide Black youth with opportunities that will facilitate their full participation in professional, academic and community life • To support educational achievement of Black youth and encourage post-secondary education • To promote change within the system of employment by facilitating access to resources, connections and education and by encouraging Black youth to pursue fulfilling professional careers <p>Opportunities and Needs Being Addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black youth are less likely than all other youth to attain a postsecondary qualification. The gap between postsecondary graduation rates for Black youth persists even after controlling for differences in socioeconomic and family characteristics • Black youth have intersectional needs; for example, male Black youth are almost twice as likely as other male youth to not be employed or in education or training. This gap remained after accounting for differences in socioeconomic factors (e.g., parent’s level of income and education),2

	<p>suggesting that male Black youth are at a disadvantage compared to other male youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black youth have been disproportionately affected by issues such as racism and discrimination, gun violence and COVID-19 compared to other youth
Action Requested	To work with the schools in having referrals to the Black Achiever program
I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	Yes
I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee(CSPC)	No
I am an official representative of student government	No
I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization	Yes YMCA
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the T DSB Delegations Policy T14	Yes
Submittal Date	1/26/2021