



REPORT TO

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### HPV VACCINATION PROGRAM

*“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.”*  
*3 John 1:2*

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<b>INFORMATION REPORT</b>		

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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Ontario Government has expanded the human papillomavirus (HPV) immunization program to include all students in grade 7. To support the transition of the program to all Grade 7 students, girls who are starting in Grade 8 in September 2016 are also eligible to receive human papillomavirus vaccine through the school based clinics. Trustees have requested additional information be included in the letter to parents based on the August 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

## **B. PURPOSE**

1. This information report is to provide the additional information requested by the Trustees at the August 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Trustees approved the following motion at the August 25, 2016 Regular Board meeting: *“That the stapled package going out to the students including the indemnification clause, the Canadian adverse events site, the letter from the Ontario Bishops and the actual informed consent sheet come back to the Student Achievement meeting in September.”*

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. Since 2007, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care has offered the free HPV vaccine to girls in Grade 8 through school-based clinics. Boys and girls will now receive the HPV vaccination during their grade 7 year.
2. Dr. Navaro, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Ms. Beckermann, Associate Director, Vaccine Preventable Disease Program and Ms. Mathur, Manager of Vaccine Preventable Disease program, were present at the August 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting to provide additional information and respond to Trustee inquiries related to the HPV vaccination.
3. The letter to parents has been updated to include: the Canadian Adverse Vaccination website link, and additional information regarding the consent form. The parents will receive the letter regarding the HPV vaccination from the Assembly of Catholic Bishops (Appendix A) and the revised letter with the updated information (Appendix B).

4. Staff researched the request to place a statement about indemnification in the parent letter. As with any medication on the market, there is a risk a person will suffer an adverse reaction and then look to an available party to compensate them for any injury or loss incurred. In this instance, the Board of Trustees resolved that the Board be indemnified for any financial loss it incurs as a result of a claim coming on behalf of a student who has been harmed as a result of receiving the HPV vaccination. It is recommended here that the most cost-efficient and legally sound way of protecting the Board's financial interest is to secure indemnification through the Board's insurer.
5. Staff have confirmed with the Board's insurer, the Ontario School Board Exchange that, in the event of a financial loss successfully claimed against the Board as a result of a student receiving the HPV vaccine, the Board will be fully insured for each claim to a maximum of \$24 million dollars per claim. This extraordinarily high dollar level of indemnification is more than satisfactory in financially protecting the Board from an HPV risk of harm which has been assessed as remote.
6. The complete information and consent forms from Toronto Public Health will be provided to Trustees.
7. The information sent by Toronto Public Health through the schools include a Vaccine Fact Sheets (Appendix C), Dear Parent letter (Appendix D), Immunization Consent Form (Appendix E), Dear Principal Letter (Appendix F) and a Grade 7 Teacher's Package (Appendix G).

## **D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the consideration of the Board.