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- Public Session
 Private Session
 Three (3) Minutes

Name	Hannah Grace Marie Evans
Committee	Student Achievement and Well-Being Catholic Education Human Resources
Date of Presentation	9/7/2017
Topic of Presentation	Managing Life Threatening Allergies at School
Topic or Issue	I am a student at Senator O'Connor High School and my topic of the issue is related to the incidents that have occurred at my high school involving peanuts that could have resulted in a tragic outcome.
Details	On June 7, 2017 a pranking incident at Senator O'Connor High School and a student placed peanut butter on all door handles. I was lucky that day, I didn't go to school at the regular time which was 8:20 am .I received a call at 8:33 warning me about peanut butter on the handles of the doors. On Feb 2, I was in my geography class and a student was eating peanuts two rows over from me. It made me uncomfortable mainly because cross contamination is the most lethal to anyone of us with allergies.
Action Requested	I started my grade 9 academic year at Senator O'Connor by first attending summer school. The enrollment package had no information regarding allergies. As I recall there was no verbal or written communication given to students informing them on how Senator dealt with life threatening allergies. I discovered on my own through asking questions in order to ensure my safety. I believe self-advocacy is important and it is essential that I am aware of all the dangers that might affect my safety in any environment that I take part in. It is a matter of life or death for me. I personally think that the two incidents that occurred at Senator were preventable and I believe that we need to create a better system of communication. Every student with allergies deserves to feel as safe as they can in their learning environment. We can only practice being safe based on facts given to us by staff and teachers. I understand that as we enter high school it is important to speak up and self-advocate. I believe students with allergies need to be given a communication that explains to them how the school deals with an allergy emergency. There was absolutely no communication on how the school responds to an anaphylaxis emergency or just daily routine such as if you are in portables you need to keep your Epipen on your person because the Epipen is located in the office. There are a lot of details that have been overlooked and the school has replaced diligence with complacency. I would like to create a communication panel which includes students with allergies from 8 high schools in the east end. It would give us the opportunity to talk about how things are done, how to support one another, how to ensure that we are knowledgeable about our surroundings and how our schools deal with allergies. I think the discussion is important and relevant and I would like your assistance and approval to make this panel a reality. It would be my hope to collaborate to create a video or communication of some sort that would

	become part of the enrollment package that is given to each student that enters any Catholic High School.
I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf	Yes
I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC)	
I am an official representative of student government	
I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization	
Submittal Date	9/6/2017