

## GOOD GOVERNANCE DURING COVID-19 Trustee Professional Development Program – October 2020

Dear Trustees,

I'm writing with regards to a learning opportunity from OESC. We'd like to point you to a resource that may be especially helpful as school boards respond to the COVID-19 pandemic: OESC's [Trustee Professional Development Program](#).

Effective governance is always important – and even more so now as boards face unprecedented challenges and see their leadership decisions having an immediate and very public impact on students, staff and communities. OESC's [program](#) focuses on the fundamentals of good governance and offers learning and tools to support your governance skills at this critical time.

**Here are some suggested modules that may be most useful to you right now:**

### [Board Roles and Responsibilities \(Module 3\)](#)

- A refresher on the roles of the board, the chair, individual trustees & the director
- Clarity about scope of responsibilities, appropriate structures, and collaborative behaviour and how this works together to help the board effectively accomplish its goals

### [Conflict: Managing it Creatively \(Module 8\)](#)

- Explore common areas of conflict on a school board
- Access a conflict management tool kit to facilitate discussions and resolve board conflicts

### [Social Media \(Module 18\)](#)

- Explore the opportunities and risks associated with participating in social media in a personal and professional capacity
- Get clear on the responsibility you hold as a trustee and public official when you post online
- Review professional guidelines for effective communication on social media

I hope you will take advantage of these resources. On behalf of OESC, we thank you for your dedication to Ontario's students and the good governance of your school boards.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Doherty'.

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