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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On January 25, I wrote to you to inform you that the [Ministry of Education appointed two reviewers](#) to look into governance and equity issues at the Board. We have begun the important work with reviewers Patrick Case and Sue Herbert and they have asked us to share the following message:

*"We have been appointed by the Minister of Education to conduct a [review of the YRDSB](#). Our mandate is to provide observations and recommendations related to:*

- *the level of cooperation among the board's members and between the board and the board's director of education in providing good governance to schools of the board*
- *the performance of the members of the board and the director of education with respect to their duties under the Education Act or any other Act, or under any policy, guideline, directive or regulation made under those Acts*
- *the performance of the board in appropriately dealing with issues including but not limited to:*
  - *equity issues and allegations of racism and Islamophobia*
  - *transparency related to board processes in decision-making*
  - *trustee spending on international travel*
  - *board leadership and governance issue*
  - *trustee conduct.*

*We will be submitting our report to the Minister of Education before April 7th, 2017. Members of the YRDSB community are invited to participate in this review. We will be meeting with some individuals and groups of individuals in person, but given our timelines will not have the opportunity to meet with everyone that expresses an interest to meet with us. However we want to hear from everyone who would like to express views consistent with this review's purpose and have established an email address for this purpose: [YRDSBReviewers@ontario.ca](mailto:YRDSBReviewers@ontario.ca)*

*Please note that while our report to the Minister will not use individual names and efforts will be made to remove identifying information, we nonetheless want to note that records, including submissions to this email address, could be subject to an access request under the freedom of information legislation, or subject to disclosure under other legislation.*

*We look forward to receiving your email and thank you in advance for sharing your experiences, perspectives and recommendations."*

As mentioned previously, I want to reassure you that we take these issues very seriously and will continue the important work to address these concerns.

I will continue to communicate with you as we take steps to address these important concerns.

Sincerely,

J. Philip Parappally,  
Director of Education