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Dr. Derek Haime
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Dear Dr Haime,

We are writing to you to express our joint support for establishing a Professional Advisory on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial/Distortion within the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT), as proposed by the Canadian Antisemitism Education Foundation.

The numerous examples in OCT disciplinary hearings of educators who have shared erroneous and distorted antisemitic information is an indication of a problem within Ontario's teaching profession. The public could understandably perceive these allegations as unprofessional and inconsistent with the Ontario College of Teachers' Professional and Ethical Standards for the teaching profession, and ultimately undermine the public's confidence and trust in the profession.

A [resolution](#) passed by the United Nations General Assembly in January 2022 urges Member States to develop educational programs that will educate future generations with the lessons of the Holocaust in order to prevent future acts of genocide. The Halton District School Board supports the recommendation to develop programs for educators that instills true understanding and respect.

We urge you to adopt a Professional Advisory on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial/Distortion, similar to the recent development of the [Professional Advisory on Anti-Black Racism](#).

Antisemitism and Holocaust denial are serious and ongoing issues facing Ontario's teaching profession and education system. We believe the support of Ontario College of Teachers in developing this advisory would be a step toward ensuring an inclusive educational environment for all students and staff.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Margo Shuttleworth in black ink.

Margo Shuttleworth
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Handwritten signature of Curtis Ennis in black ink.

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