



The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of Commissioners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board at its Special Meeting held in Dorval, Québec on June 22, 2020.

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**Resolution number S2020-06-#01**

***Declaration of Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination***

WHEREAS ongoing tragic events in Canada and the United States have confirmed the need to acknowledge and address the presence of systemic racism and other forms of discrimination in society and in our own school community; and

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners affirms that we deplore racism and that no form of discrimination can be tolerated within the Lester B. Pearson School Board community; and

WHEREAS recent racist incidents within our school community call upon us to re-examine our responsibility, as an educational institution, for the prevention and intolerance of discrimination in our schools, centres, and head office; and

WHEREAS the Lester B. Pearson School Board's vision statement states that we reflect and celebrate diversity; and

WHEREAS the school board has already established a policy on Safe and Healthy Schools and an Intercultural Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS these circumstances require the implementation of a concerted and a sustained anti-racism and anti-discrimination strategy;

WHEREFORE IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner S. Bhargava AND UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

THAT the Council of Commissioners reaffirm the Board's anti-racist position published last week and attached; and

THAT a Task Force of administrators, commissioners, staff, students, and representatives of minority and disenfranchised communities be established to oversee the development of a comprehensive action plan to address all forms of racism and discrimination in our school board; and

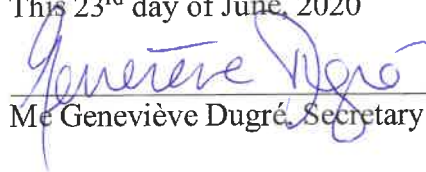
THAT the Intercultural Advisory Committee be mandated to review existing policies and practices and make recommendations to the Council of Commissioners; and

THAT partners in the Health and Social Services network will be asked to advise the school board on best practices and available resources; and

THAT work must begin immediately with a status report to the Council of Commissioners no later than Sept 1, 2020.

*I certify that this document is an extract from the minutes of the Lester B. Pearson School Board Council of Commissioners' special meeting held on June 22, 2020; this text is subject to ratification by approval of the minutes of said meeting at the next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners to be held on June 29, 2020.*

This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020

  
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Me Geneviève Dugré, Secretary General