Written Notice of Motion (Trustees King and Shan, on behalf of Trustee Ehrhardt)

From: Denise Joseph-Dowers, Senior Manager, Governance and Board Services

In accordance with Board Bylaws 5.15.45, notice of the following motion was provided at the regular meeting of the Planning and Priorities Committee on May 15, 2024 and is therefore submitted for consideration at this time.

> 5.15.45 Motions must first be introduced as a Notice of Motion to provide advance notification of a matter, …
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> 5.15.51 A Notice of Motion submitted to a Committee, will be considered at a subsequent Committee meeting.

Annual Reporting on Student Attendance

Whereas, student attendance at school is a contributing factor to achievement and well-being, and

Whereas, students across Canada are reportedly missing more school in recent years, with illness, mental health and lack of supports in schools being cited as potential reasons [reference: Kids missing more school since pandemic, CBC analysis finds | CBC News]; and

Whereas, student attendance is a key performance indicator in the 2024-2028 multi-year strategic plan, as directed by the Ministry of Education; and

Whereas, additional data may help identify areas for resource allocation to improve attendance and thereby, achievement and well-being;

Therefore, be it resolved:

a) That the Director report annually to the Program and School Services Committee on school attendance, either as a part of existing reporting, or as a standalone annual report;

b) That the report at Part (a) include information on:

    i. summary of reasons for absences based on safe arrival attendance reporting;

    ii. any discernible trends over time;

    iii. categorical information on chronic absences;

    iv. any insights about challenges or barriers to school attendance gleamed from students, staff, and community;

    v. any current actions and recommendations, to support improved school attendance;

    vi. any current or potential work with partners to support information-sharing or actions to improve school attendance.

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