

## INTERNAL MEMO

<b>DATE:</b>	September 22, 2022
<b>TO:</b>	All Staff
<b>FROM:</b>	Paul Denomme, Superintendent – Student Achievement, Equity and Safe Schools Marina Willats, System Principal – Equity
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Letter to Families – Student Voice Advisory Committees</b>

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**Background:** Creating a positive school board culture and environment where all students and staff feel safe, supported, and accepted is one of the goals of the HWDSB Equity Action Plan. **Student Voice Advisory Committees** is part of the ongoing effort to achieve this goal and include the voices, experiences, insights, and ideas of students who belong to groups which have been historically and currently marginalized by the education system.

**Information:** The attached Letter to Families will be shared with HWDSB families to inform them of the intent and creation of Student Voice Advisory committees. For more information **please email the Equity Department at: [urvoice@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:urvoice@hwdsb.on.ca)**

**Action:** Please share the attached Letter to Families with your grade 7 – 12 teachers and Student Success teachers. The Communication and Community Engagement Department will be posting this information on the board website, your school website, and will be sharing it on HWDSB social media sites.

Thank you for your support in centering and amplifying student voice.