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Corrie McBain
Chair of the York Region District School Board
York Region District School Board
60 Wellington Street West, P.O. Box 40
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Dear Ms. McBain:

First, let me offer congratulations on your re-election as Chair of the York Region District School Board.

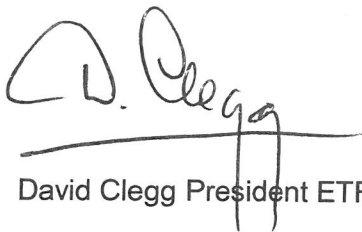
I am writing to you on behalf of the ETFO-York Region Executive to inform you of our organizational direction in respect of the now seated Trustee from East Gwillimbury/Whitchurch-Stouffville, Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey. ETFO-YR finds the comments made by Trustee Terrell-Tracey, during the election and subsequently, deeply disturbing and repugnant for their racist overtones.

As representatives of teachers and as teachers ourselves, we know her beliefs have no place in Ontario society and are the complete antithesis of the societal good of which public education is the bedrock.

While this individual may have a democratic and legal right to represent the people of East Gwillimbury/Whitchurch-Stouffville, she has forfeited, by her statements and the beliefs that underlie them, the moral authority to command any respect from the elementary teachers of the York Region District School Board. As their representatives, it is incumbent upon us to defend the tenets upon which public education is founded; consequently, ETFO-YR shall not participate in any board committee, workgroup or board initiative in which Trustee Terrell-Tracey is involved.

Likewise, we shall encourage our members to remove themselves from any activity involving this Trustee unless lawfully directed to be involved as an employee.

On behalf on ETFO-York Region,



David Clegg President ETFO-YR

cc- Louise Sirisko
Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey