

February 14, 2012

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Dear Mr. Lucid:

This letter is sent in response to your delegation to the Peel District School Board on January 24, 2012. While I did try to address your questions and concerns at the meeting I am writing to follow up on issues you raised in your presentation.

First of all, while you may disagree with it, the Peel board does have a clear policy for naming or renaming schools. That policy clearly identifies that the naming for an individual is first done in Committee. That was the process followed by the Board in the case of the renaming of Janet I. McDougald Public School. As I have said, I was not at that meeting of the Board, nor did I know the renaming had occurred until it was publicly announced. At that point, I was humbled and grateful for the honour.

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You comment that the meeting happened “in a secret meeting, secret place and secret date”. That is untrue. As per policy, the meeting happened in Committee prior to a regular board meeting on September 27, 2011 at the HJA Brown Education Centre. The recommendation coming from that vote was then received at the public meeting of the Board on December 20, 2011.

Again, in doing so, the board followed our process and policy to the letter—a process we have shared with the Ministry of Education. The Ministry understands that this process is based on our interpretation of the Education Act and has been reviewed with legal counsel, and that it involves a public vote. The Ministry has not and is not challenging our interpretation.

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