



February 15, 2010

Marc Chalifoux, Executive Vice-President
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Dear Mr. Chalifoux:

RE: Letter of Support for the Canadian Citizenship Challenge

The Ontario Student Trustees' Association - l'Association des élèves conseillers et conseillères de l'Ontario (OSTA-AECO) is proud to support The Historica-Dominion Institute's Canadian Citizenship Challenge (Concours sur la citoyenneté canadienne) for high school students.

OSTA-AECO commends The Historica-Dominion Institute's efforts to advocate for a greater emphasis on the value and meaning of Canadian citizenship. By targeting classrooms across the country, the Canadian Citizenship Challenge engages young people at the grassroots level. It ensures that we educate and nurture active, informed citizens of tomorrow, ones who are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to contribute to our dynamic society. The initiative reinforces the notion that citizenship concerns all Canadians – not just those newly arrived. This is particularly important as these young people will be tomorrow's teachers, leaders, and voters. Perhaps the Canadian Citizenship Challenge's greatest strength lies in its ability to bring both learners and educators together to better appreciate our great nation and their place in it. Indeed, civic engagement is of importance to all, regardless of age.

OSTA-AECO is excited to lend its support and assistance to The Historica-Dominion Institute's Canadian Citizenship Challenge, and looks forward to seeing its effect in classrooms across Canada. Student trustees would be honoured to promote this great initiative to their constituents.

OSTA-AECO is the largest student stakeholder organization in Ontario, representing and advocating for the over 2 million students in the province. Comprised of student leaders who sit on boards of education across Ontario, OSTA-AECO strives to promote civic engagement to young people while being a strong advocate for the student voice.

Yours in education,

Gorick Ng
President