



Independent and Private School Forum

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Dear Ms. Christine Riedel
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Dear Ms. Riedel,

Thank you for your telephone call yesterday afternoon. It is my understanding that the office of the ADM requested that you make this call.

I would like to re-emphasize the points made during our conversation, and previous communications via email:

1. IPSF members are still waiting for a clear response to **ALL** the following issues and questions:
 - a) Please explain the rationale that would allow a private school to accept a completed credit course from a public school, but not a partially completed credit course.
 - b) Please reference the **policy** which prevents a student from completing a credit course that was started in a publicly funded school, in a private school authorized to teach that course.
 - c) Is it the position of the Private Schools and International Education Unit that the Private Schools Policy and Procedures Manual, 2013, supersedes the authority of the policy document, *Ontario Schools*, has the approval of the Ontario Minister of Education, and, thus, confers authority in regards to this issue, to your office.
 - d) **We would like your support as we inform IPSF member schools to follow MOE policy: OS section 4.3.1 Students Transferring between Schools within Ontario, until your review is completed and clarification is provided by your office.**

2. It is important for IPSF member schools, and Ontario parents desiring the full-range of educational options for their children made available to them, that we have an **unambiguous** response to issue 1.d prior to our upcoming membership meeting, scheduled for

September 24, 2018, 9:00 AM. We would like to remind you that we began this query more than 3 months ago.

3. You agreed to call me by Monday, September 24th, 8:30AM, with a complete response from your office.
4. I emphasized that IPSF members would be satisfied with a positive response to point 1.d while your unit continues their review of the issue. It is unlikely that members would choose to pursue the issue further at that point, although we will expect to receive a complete response to each of the questions above, in a timely fashion.
5. IPSF will continue to pursue this issue through all avenues available to us if we believe that Ontario parents and their children, as well as private schools, are being unfairly restricted in the educational options that should be available to them, by the practices of your unit.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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