



Dear Principal,

As the Chairman of the City of Vaughan Official Plan Review Committee, it is with great pleasure that I am sending you this education curriculum package that has been prepared as part of the City of Vaughan's Official Plan process. The package includes an 18-minute video addressing some of the challenges our City is currently facing and a teacher's package that sets out some issues and questions for leading a class discussion and/or independent student exercise. This package provides students in Vaughan with an excellent opportunity to engage with issues facing their City and to get involved in a city-wide process that will guide growth in Vaughan over the next 30 years.

The City of Vaughan has set a high standard for engaging youth in civic issues. We have appointed a Youth Councillor who has office space at City Hall and attends all Council Meetings. We have an active Youth Committee who organize an annual Youth Forum. Last year, three high school classes chose to take part in our city-wide Visioning exercise by creating videos addressing the issues that youth thought important to include in the new Official Plan. We believe that actively engaging our youth in critical civic issues will make them both better students and better citizens.

The enclosed package is timely and easy to use. Its main purpose is to inform youth about the challenges and opportunities in their communities and engage them in an informed discussion about these issues. We believe that it aligns well with a variety of topics and curriculum requirements for your students and hope that you will use it in your school.

The contact person for this project is Clement Chong and Melissa Rossi of the City's Policy Planning Department. They can be reached at 905.832.8585 extensions 8214 and 8320. Please feel free to contact them directly about using this package. We look forward to hearing your feedback on this exercise and encourage you to submit your students' work to the Official Plan project team. This information will be considered in the creation of the new Official Plan. I encourage you to use the new Official Plan website vaughantomorrow.ca as a resource for this exercise and for future work.

Sincerely,

Peter Meffe

Councillor Ward 1, Chairman Official Plan Review Committee

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