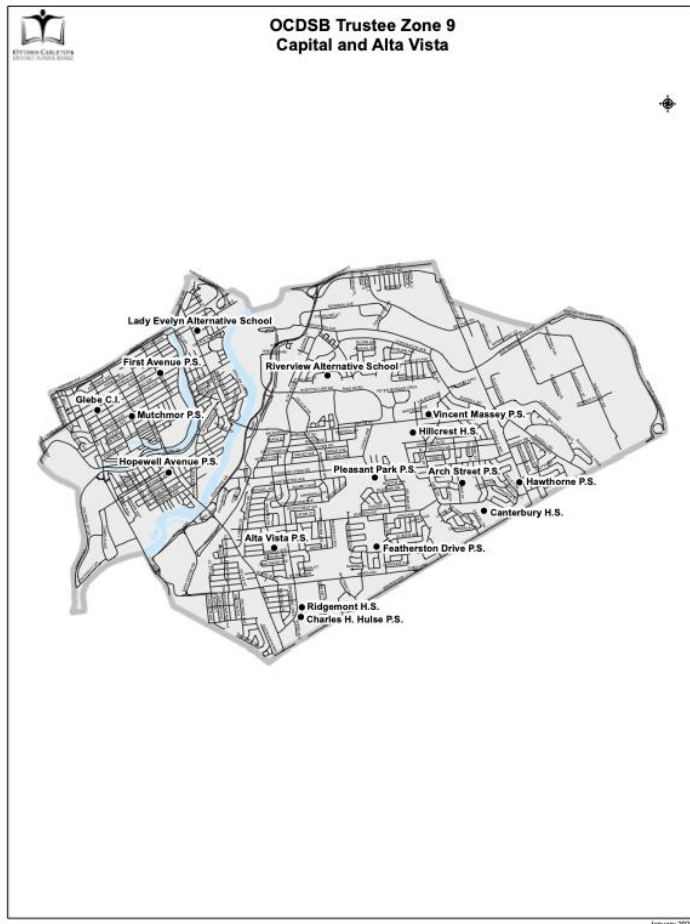


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Survey response:

Q1: Will you ensure legitimate consultation with the mainstream Jewish community in all aspects of reacting to the antisemitism crisis?

A: Absolutely. In fact, I did so today at the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship's meeting of trustees and candidates. I stood up in front of the past and future trustees and said, OCDSB just organized an event without Jewish involvement. You cannot speak for us, without us. Antisemitism is a daily reality for those of us who are Jewish and we need you to listen to us, to acknowledge our experience, and to allow us to lead antisemitism training.

Q2: How will you ensure the Board respects the voices of minority groups and protects all minorities, including Jewish students?

A: I will advocate fiercely for educators and the school board to address all forms of discrimination. I am a Jewish family physician. I have been the target of significant antisemitism over my lifetime (worse over the last two and a half years), and as a parent of three children I have witnessed my children dealing with antisemitism - overt discrimination and microaggressions - in their young lives at day care and in public school. As a family physician, I am also aware of the discrimination that my patients who are new Canadians, Indigenous, Black, racialized, non-binary, two-spirit, and transgender, have faced in healthcare, in education, and in the community. I will stand up to all forms of discrimination. During the occupation of downtown Ottawa, I wrote a letter that was signed by more than 2000 healthcare professionals across Canada to say that we will not tolerate hate in our streets. I am a very strong proponent for improved education and advocacy re diversity and inclusion. We must do better to address ALL discrimination within the OCDSB. I think it is abhorrent that Trustees can be elected on platforms of hate and are allowed to remain OCDSB Trustees when they exhibit racism/bigotry of any kind. We must hold educators and trustees accountable.

Q3: Would you be supportive of the school board adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism?

A: Absolutely.

Other

From the *Ottawa Against Antisemitism survey*:

“As a parent of three children who have gone through day cares, elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in Ottawa, and as a Trustee candidate who has experienced a barrage of recent overt antisemitism, I am acutely aware of these issues. Some educators and school administrators take discrimination and micro-aggressions seriously, others do not. There should be better training across the OCDSB to ensure that antisemitism is addressed promptly and appropriately in every situation. Antisemitism is a form of discrimination that is overlooked, dismissed, downplayed. I am aware of what has transpired within the OCDSB with antisemitism workshops run without consultation or leadership from the Jewish community. I find that extremely problematic. I sit on the board of Jewish Family Services. I know that there are many organizations in Ottawa that should have been consulted and helped to lead the workshop on antisemitism. We must do better to address ALL discrimination within the OCDSB.”

“I support conversations about alternatives to Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As PYM protests may embolden antisemitism, protests should not be allowed. Peaceful, productive conversations across religious and cultural differences are important.”

Believes that ‘Palestinian Youth Movement Protests’ can be harmful to Jewish and Israeli students, and are not appropriate on school property. Supports hiring a Jewish equity coach, and mandatory staff training on antisemitism in consultation with Federation and the OCDSB’s Jewish Educators Group.

Josh Rachlis

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Survey response:

Q1: Will you ensure legitimate consultation with the mainstream Jewish community in all aspects of reacting to the antisemitism crisis?

A: Yes, I will make sure the Jewish community and groups are working with the board for training to stop antisemitism. I was at the trustee candidate tour of the National Holocaust Monument this morning and learned that Jewish groups were excluded from decisions that affect us. That doesn't make sense. I've been an environmentalist and even trained with Al Gore to be a climate leader. I was in Israel a few years ago when Hamas started attacking Israel, and when I talked about it on Facebook, I was shocked at all the anti-Semitic attacks from my fellow climate leaders. I don't want Jewish students or staff to have to experience attacks at school. Also, I'm a comedian and MC and would love to help put on talks that the community could learn from. When I was running for MP in Thornhill and was in a debate at a synagogue, the President of the B'Nai Brith thought I was so funny and entertaining, he asked me to MC future events for them. I'd love to help the Ottawa Jewish community with events that could bring the Jewish community together and that could help us educate the wider community.

Q2: How will you ensure the Board respects the voices of minority groups and protects all minorities, including Jewish students?

A: I'll work with the Jewish community and students and staff to come up with ideas. I'm collaborative and want to hear from everyone. I will certainly not tolerate Jews having to feel unsafe. At the event this morning I heard that the board is shipping Jewish students to SRB to get them away from bullying. Really? Instead of stopping the bullies? That's unacceptable. I encourage anyone in the community to reach out to me with any issues, so that I can work with you to ensure you feel safe in your school and community. I want everyone to achieve their potential, and that can't be done if people are made to feel uncomfortable being Jewish or whatever their minority group is. I often post on social media and on my podcast. I would love to record discussions with people about these issues, so we can keep the community informed and we can all come up with solutions together.

Q3: Would you be supportive of the school board adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism?

A: The definition you're referring to is: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities." Sounds good to me.

Other

From the **Ottawa Against Antisemitism survey**: "I would work with the Jewish community and the school board to make sure Jewish students and staff feel safe and welcome in the board."

Believes that 'Palestinian Youth Movement Protests' can be harmful to Jewish and Israeli students, and are not appropriate on school property. Supports hiring a Jewish equity coach, and mandatory staff training on antisemitism in consultation with Federation and the OCDSB's Jewish Educators Group.

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Survey response:

Q1: Will you ensure legitimate consultation with the mainstream Jewish community in all aspects of reacting to the antisemitism crisis?

A: Absolutely. Nothing can be done in service to Jewish people without their direct consultation and participation.

Q2: How will you ensure the Board respects the voices of minority groups and protects all minorities, including Jewish students?

A: Firstly, it is essential to work with Jewish community groups when seeking training and expertise in cultural education. For students to feel safe their culture and history must be valued. It is essential to continue to ensure that High Holy Days are respected, as well as cultural training and historical background is offered in the context of the classroom. We need to ensure that bigotry, racism and prejudice does not begin in childhood.

Q3: Would you be supportive of the school board adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism?

A: Yes.

Other

From the **Ottawa Against Antisemitism survey:**

“Training should never be given on anti-Semitism without the consultation of the Jewish community. A Jewish teachers working group along with allies would also make a significant difference in creating a culture of safety for Jewish students.”

Believes that ‘Palestinian Youth Movement Protests’ can be harmful to Jewish and Israeli students, and are not appropriate on school property. Supports hiring a Jewish equity coach, and mandatory staff training on antisemitism in consultation with Federation and the OCDSB’s Jewish Educators Group.