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DECLARATION OF ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY

At the Wellington Catholic District School Board, students of Aboriginal ancestry can choose to self identify so that they may benefit from supportive programs and services. By doing so, students also enable the Board to identify, review, and analyze data that will contribute to improved programs and services for Aboriginal learners.

Why self-identify?

By self-identifying as an Aboriginal student, you help us to monitor the success of the programs and services we offer, and identify ways we can support aboriginal students so that they meet with success.

Who can self-identify?

Aboriginal ancestry for self-identification purposes follows the Canadian Constitution Act (1982), Section 35, Number 2 and includes the descendants of the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.

If the student has Aboriginal ancestry, please fill in the applicable circle (o) below:

- Status Indian, an Indian registered under the Indian Act of Indian and Northern Affairs of Canada (INAC), holding certain rights and benefits that are not available to non-status or Métis people and possessing a registry number with INAC
- Non-Status Indian, an Indian not registered under the Indian Act and not a member of an Indian Act band or who have not applied for their status
- Métis, an Aboriginal of historic Métis Nation ancestry who is accepted by the Métis Nation
- Inuit, an Aboriginal with ancestral ties to Northern Canada (Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Northern Quebec and Northern Labrador)

All information collected is confidential.

This is authority to record this information in the student record of:

Name	School	Teacher (Homeroom)
Parent Signature (or student if over 17)		Date

All Aboriginal students and their parents have the right to voluntarily provide this information. Pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, our authority to collect this information is in keeping with the Education Act as a means to enhance Aboriginal education programs and services within the Wellington Catholic District School Board. The data will be used to establish program needs and strategies to meet the goals established for Aboriginal students. If you have any questions regarding the collection of this data, please call the Superintendent of Education responsible for Aboriginal education at:

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