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To: [House of Assembly - GAA](#)
Subject: A school community of care and compassion
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Re: A school community of care and compassion

Dear Committee Secretary,

I am a 77-year-old teacher working in a Christian school. I have 56 year of teaching experience in state, catholic, and private schools. I sent my children and they have sent my grandchildren to a Christian school, and I am thankful that their schools been a safe space for them to learn and grow. I am currently teaching online with students who are school refusers, the majority of them having been bullied because they are different on some way. I work daily with students severely damaged by bullying. Christian schools strive to be communities of care and compassion because we strive to follow the example of Jesus. In my teaching experience I have found the majority of teaching staff, in all nine schools I have been employed in, work hard to address bullying and have a strong culture of care and compassion for all students. I am asking the Committee to ensure that Christian schools can continue to provide the caring, nurturing environment that I have chosen for my children and experienced firsthand.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard john swancott
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