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## **CPCO Statement on Raising Awareness about Islamophobia**

TORONTO: The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) supports the Ministry of Education's recently announced supports for raising awareness about Islamophobia.

"As administrators, educators and members of the community, Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals are steadfast in our commitment to create a safe and welcoming space for students and their families," said incoming CPCO President Antonella Rubino. "By working collaboratively with community partners and with the added support of the government, administrators can continue their efforts to foster an environment that is welcoming and safe for our students by listening, raising awareness and taking the necessary actions to change."

"These resources for students, parents, administrators and teachers are a step towards identifying and confronting the harmful effects of racism in our communities and the impacts it has on individual lives," added Rubino. "As school leaders, Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals are in full support of creating the space in our schools to have important conversations about Islamophobia, as we stand firmly against racism, injustice and discrimination."

CPCO will continue working with our partners to support Catholic administrators in their efforts to create a diverse learning environment for all.

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*CPCO represents 2,100 Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals, who lead over 1,300 schools in 29 Catholic district school boards in Ontario.*

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