

Parent or Guardian Name

Address

Your telephone number

Email address

Name of the Director of Education

Director of Education

Name of the Catholic District School Board you are under

The Board Address

Date

Dear (director's name),

Thank you for your prompt attention.

As Parent or Legal Guardian of (students name), I am hereby submitting a written letter for exemption from religious studies and programs during attendance to (the school name) for the academic year (insert the years it will apply to) in accordance to the provisions provided under the Education Act for such exemption.

With regard to this submittal, please see the specific directives outlined in the Education Act R.S.O. 1991, Chapter E.2 Section 42 (13):

Exemption from religious studies

(13) In addition to the exemptions provided for in subsection (11), no person who is qualified to be a resident pupil in respect of a secondary school operated by a public board who attends a secondary school operated by a Roman Catholic board shall be required to take part in any program or course of study in religious education on written application to the Board of,

(a) the parent or guardian of the person;

(b) in the case of a person who is 16 or 17 years old who has withdrawn from parental control, the person himself or herself;

(c) in the case of a person who is 18 years old or older, the person himself or herself. 2006, c. 28, s. 9.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and reply at your earliest convenience with the granting of exemption in accordance to the procedures outlined in the Education Act.

Also, our household currently has Public School Supporter designation according to MPAC and we therefore comply with some Catholic Board's interpretation of eligibility requirements under section 36 1(a) of the Education Act.

Without any further requirements, we expect that upon receipt of this letter the exemption becomes effective immediately.

As stated in the judgement from Erazo v. Peel:

*"[28] It follows that the applicants were entitled, according to law, to the exemption claimed upon making the requisite application even without the acquiescence of the respondent."*

There should be no other required actions on our part.

Sincerely,

(signature)

Parent or Guardian