Is it the Public Schools Branch or the Department of Education that is currently considering this independent review? Would it be an inquiry under the Public Inquiries Act?

We await the Minister's instructions on this matter.

Two days ago, the Minister of Education told me he was not clear on whether it was contrary to PSB policy to avoid reporting the April 2024 complaint of inappropriate touching of a student to law enforcement. However, the PSB Safe and Caring Learning Environment Incident Response Guide says "police will be contacted where it is determined that the behaviour conduct is serious enough to warrant police involvement." Can you tell me if the lack of reporting of the April 2024 complaint to law enforcement was contrary to PSB's safe and caring learning environment policy or procedures?

In August 2024, when Matthew Craswell was charged, the Public Schools Branch proactively reviewed the reporting records of every school where he substituted over the last five years. That review found two instances where misconduct was reported (June 2023 and April 2024).

The first was not pursued by the parents of the student.

The second, based on the information available from the student, parent, and staff at that time, was deemed non-sexual in nature. The parent decided to not report this incident to the police at this time.

Following the August 2024 charges, we followed up by reaching out directly to the parent of the child involved in the April 2024 incident. The student's parent and PSB officials contacted the police to report the April incident and have fully cooperated with all aspects of the criminal investigation. The family involved in the June 2023 reported incident declined to pursue the matter further.

Although the information available at the time of the June 2023 and April 2024 incidents did not lead anyone involved to conclude there was sexual intent, what was presented at the court proceedings on April 29, 2025 revealed disturbing information about Matthew Craswell's motivation that was previously not known to the Public Schools Board.

Two days ago, the Minister told me he was not clear if there was a policy contravention due to the fact that Craswell was kept on as a substitute teacher for higher grades, after the complaint of inappropriate touching of a student was made. Was this decision made in accordance with PSB policy?

Matthew Craswell had more experience and training for high school grade levels. Based on the information we had in 2024, the Public Schools Branch believed that his lack of experience and