

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

B E T W E E N:

**Amelia Penney-Crocker, Parker Boot-Quackenbush, Khadijat Folasayo Dairo,
Catherine He, Tharan D'Silva, Katie Yu, Diego Christiansen-Barker, Lachlan
Brown, Zoey Ann Purves, Jacob Colatosti, Milan Rozotto-Lagos, Oswaldo Paz
Flores, Lauren Handley and Justice for Children and Youth**

Applicants

and

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN RIGHT OF CANADA

Respondent

AFFIDAVIT OF PARKER BOOT-QUACKENBUSH

I, PARKER EJ BOOT-QUACKENBUSH, of the City of London, in the Province of Ontario,
student MAKE OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am currently 16 years old. I am a Grade 11 student at London Central Secondary School in London, Ontario. I believe it is unfair that only adults can vote to elect governments that pass laws that also affect young people because adults often vote with their own interests in mind. Those interests frequently do not overlap with those of youth. Young people, meanwhile, do not get a say in who governs. Many adults say that young people will not take the right to vote seriously, but I think the reason they have that impression is

because we do not yet even have that right in the first place. If we did, the adults would realize that they were wrong.

2. Although I have never directly participated in politics, I have always been interested in the political and electoral processes. At school, I really enjoyed my civics and history courses. I have watched election campaigns and paid attention to candidates' opinions and how voters react to them. My first major election I remember watching was the federal election in 2015, when I was around 10 years old. I was fascinated watching my mom cast her vote at the polling station. When I graduate high school, I am considering attending postsecondary school to pursue some political field of study.
3. I am passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion. At school, I am a member the Social Justice Club and Multicultural Club. In these clubs, we bring up ideas and issues that go on in the world and find ways to make school and society more accepting and inclusive. In the Social Justice Club, my friends and I participated in a video competition about racism. We won first place in the racism video competition. In Multicultural Club, we learn about other cultures and dances from around the world.
4. Young people are not just disadvantaged in the electoral process, but also in other areas where we have no say in decisions that directly impact us. For example, my school board recently announced that they would let parents vote on whether there will be a return to in-person learning during the next school year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Parents are not the ones in the classroom, the young people are – it is frustrating to see our voices and opinions being ignored, especially on issues that most directly affect us.
5. I am passionate about giving students a voice in our education, particularly with how our schools have operated since the pandemic began. Many adults do not understand

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5. I am passionate about giving students a voice in our education, particularly with how our schools have operated since the pandemic began. Many adults do not understand students' desires or struggles related to our education: there is a major disconnect between their decision-making and what young people actually want. Many in government believe they are doing the best for students. However, they fail to realize they are not – for example, the government has not seriously considered the role of mental health in relation to their decisions to implement remote learning. Giving young people a right to vote will make sure that we will have a say in deciding what is actually in our best interests and how the tomorrow's generation will be impacted by the today's decisions.

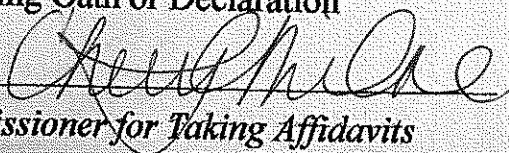
SWORN REMOTELY BY Parker EJ

Boot-Quackenbush at the City of London, in
the Province of Ontario before me at the
City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario
on the 28th of November, 2021, in

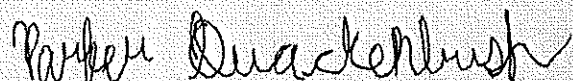
accordance with O. Reg. 431/20,

Administering Oath or Declaration

Remotely.



Commissioner for Taking Affidavits



Parker EJ Boot-Quackenbush