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Oral Question 696-18(3) Online Safety for Children

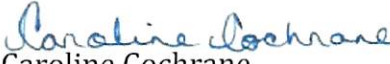
This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on March 13, 2019 regarding student feedback of online safety materials in schools.

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) has both curricula and resources to support student learning about online safety, media awareness, and digital citizenship.

In response to needs relayed by education bodies on behalf of communities, schools, teachers and parents, ECE will be launching a new Digital Citizenship and Safety course. Schools will be able to offer it to students in Grades 7-9, as part of the High School Pathways rollout.

As this exciting new course is developed and ultimately piloted in the 2020-2021 school year, ECE will seek feedback from staff and students to incorporate in the final program. ECE will continue to work closely with Education Leaders to determine the best way to involve students in that process. The finalized course will be introduced in the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you for your questions and interest in this matter.


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