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**Director of Education**

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Julian N. Falconer, Chair  
School Community Safety Advisory Panel (SCSAP)  
3701 Chesswood Drive  
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Toronto, ON M3J 2P6

Dear Julian Falconer:

Concerns have been raised in the last several days about the possible vulnerability of female students who are members of racialized minorities, to acts of violence and exploitation.

As a result, I am writing to you in your capacity as the Chair of SCSAP to clarify the terms of reference of the Panel's review of school safety. It is essential that the Panel include in its review the particular risks to the safety of female visible minority students that may exist with our schools.

The circumstances of the last two weeks of operation of the review require that I provide the Panel with the following directive: the Panel, in making any finding of fact or in making recommendations, is not to make any determination of criminal or civil liability of any person.

I trust these clarifications are acceptable with the Panel. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gerry Connelly'.

Gerry Connelly  
Director of Education