

## May 2009 Student Trustee Report

A. Hagh

### STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

At this time, Student Trustee A. Hagh made the following remarks.

*“Good evening Madame Chair, Mr. Director, Trustees, Staff, Ladies, and Gentlemen:*

*It is with a heavy heart that I present this brief report to you. It seemed only like yesterday that I joined you as a new member of this wonderful Board of Education as a Student Trustee. Upon looking back at the experiences and events that have shaped the previous school year, I find myself greatly appreciative of the sheer extent of work, preparation, and studious concentration that goes into every aspect of student life both inside and out of school. It is perhaps rather easy to take for granted the smooth workings of this great experience, but careful scrutiny will reveal the painstaking efforts*

*of all those involved, and the results on the lives of all of those involved.*

*This moment has also made me appreciative of my entire experience as a student in the York Region District School Board, and Canada. I know that I would not be the person speaking before you today without the countless encounters that shaped the last years of my life. It appears that every experience, though seemingly inconsequential on its own, has been able to make its mark upon the great record of memory.*

*Lastly, I have been able to contemplate the potential changes that Vithushan and I may have made as Student Trustees during our humble visit. Had I been asked last year whether individuals could possibly make a difference in the greater workings of an entity as complex as the Board, I may have fallen to a bout of skepticism. Looking back now, I can only be thankful of the open-mindedness and progressiveness of those who have made this possible.*

*At the beginning of the year, I embarked on this unique experience with a quote by Winston Churchill. I would now like to end by citing once again the words of this great man, “Broadly speaking, the short words are the best, and the old words best of all.” My only hope now is that this new year will be for our successors what the old one was for us.*

*Thank you.”*