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# Media Statement

Association of Canadian Deans of Education



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# ACDE members endorse the Scarborough Charter

The commitments and actions in the Scarborough Charter recognize the realities of anti-Black racism in Canada and the importance of addressing these realities through a concrete framework that is guided by principles of Black flourishing, inclusive excellence, mutuality, and accountability. The Charter was launched in October 2020 as part of the National Dialogues and Action for Inclusive Higher Education and Communities after an extensive process of consultation with partner institutions. Since that time, many more postsecondary institutions have become signatories to the Charter, recognizing the role that they play in challenging anti-Black racism through deep learning, research excellence, and community engagement.

As an organization, ACDE is well positioned to contribute to realizing the goals of the Charter as we prepare teachers and other professionals to understand, account for, and address anti-Black racism in their practice. At their Annual Meeting held in October, 2022, members of ACDE endorsed the Scarborough Charter

and in so doing committed to redressing anti-Black racism and fostering Black inclusion in their respective contexts. Deans of Education whose universities are not yet signatories to the Charter committed to advocating for institutional adoption.

Through its endorsement, ACDE publicly commits to enacting the Charter's principles, actions, and accountabilities. Each year at its annual meeting, members of ACDE will demonstrate accountability by reporting on their actions, reaffirming our organization's commitment to reviewing and documenting our collective efforts.

The Association of Canadian Deans of Education brings together deans, directors and chairs of education in Canadian universities and university-colleges. ACDE members are committed to pan-Canadian leadership in professional and teacher education, educational research, and policy in universities and university-colleges.



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