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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

To the organizers of the February 25th event *Stronger Than Hate*,

It has come to my attention through Members who attended the February 25th *Stronger Than Hate* event that the chat function was used to broadcast anti-Black racist slurs.

I am writing you at the request of the OSSTF Toronto Black, Indigenous and Workers of Colour Committee, and the District Executive which represents all Teachers, Occasional Teachers and Professional Student Support Personnel, and on behalf of the OSSTF Toronto Members who experienced harm and trauma as a result, with a request that you, as the organizers, acknowledge to your participants the pain of these impacts.

We are also asking the Toronto District School Board to outline for us what steps it intends to take on a go-forward basis to avoid providing the opportunity for future incidents of hate.

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Protecting and Enhancing Public Education

OSSTF Toronto stands united, and stands with you, in fighting against Anti-Black Racism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Wolfe".

Leslie Wolfe
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