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**From:** Rogers, Dorothy AEIT:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2012 10:26 AM  
**To:** Black, Marc GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Wyllie, Sandra AEIT:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media response

Hi Marc,

Although you have written it how our conversation went, on the public institutions side, we steer away from language on contractual obligations. I would suggest the following:

Post-secondary institutions are responsible for the academic integrity within their institutions and their faculty take very seriously their role to teach, and maintain, academic honesty. Institutions have policies in place related to students who plagiarize, cheat or conduct any other unethical activity. At the same time, students have a responsibility too: the consequences for those students who are caught can be significant, putting at risk both their academic career and, ultimately, future job opportunities.

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Dorothy: as discussed, CTV is asking whether there are rules against an individual setting up a business (storefront) and selling individualized essays to people...and whether this impacts "the integrity" of the education system.

Would this be an accurate response? Is there more that can be said? I noticed SFU had a taskforce look at this general topic in '04...

### DRAFT RESPONSE:

- An education is a contract between a student and their school. Post-secondary institutions and their faculty take very seriously their role to teach, and maintain, academic honesty. Institutions have policies in place related to students who plagiarize, cheat or conduct any other unethical activity. At the same time, students have a responsibility too: the consequences for those students who are caught can be significant, putting at risk both their academic career and, ultimately, future job opportunities.