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The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
315 Front Street West, 14th Floor
Toronto, ON, M7A 0B8

Dear Minister Calandra,

On behalf of Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB), I am writing to voice concerns about the Ontario Regulation 463/97: Electronic Meetings and Meeting Attendance. At its meeting on March 24, 2025, the Board of Trustees for the WRDSB approved a motion to write a letter supporting the concerns about this regulatory provision raised by Ontario Public School Boards' Association, Council of Ontario Directors of Education, and other Ontario school boards.

The WRDSB asks for amendments to Ontario Regulation 463/97: Electronic Meetings and Meeting Attendance so as to allow boards to approve an absence of a trustee from a Committee of the Whole meeting in the same way that the regulation gives them the right to do so for a regular board meeting.

Thank you for your consideration and supporting education in Waterloo Region and the province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maedith Radlein'.

Maedith Radlein
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
Waterloo Region District School Board

cc: WRDSB Trustees
Local Member of Provincial Parliament
Council of Ontario Directors of Education
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
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