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The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health  
Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

Dear Minister Lecce, Dr. Moore and Dr. Wang,

The public continues to be advised, by medical professionals and government officials, that vaccinations are our greatest defence against COVID-19 and being fully vaccinated significantly reduces the risk of serious illness.

At its January 4, 2022, Special Board Meeting of the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB), the Board of Trustees approved the following motion:

**That the WRDSB write a letter to the CMOH (Chief Medical Officer of Health), including the local MOH ( Medical Officer of Health) and the MOE (Minister of Education) requesting that**

- i) priority status be provided to all school staff to receive COVID vaccine and subsequent boosters; and**
- ii) priority status be given to all students aged 5+ for the first, second and third dose of COVID vaccine as medically appropriate;**

Thank you for prioritizing vaccination and boosters for education, childcare workers and students. This will help make schools safer.

We ask for your serious consideration of the request to prioritize vaccinations for all eligible students and staff to protect the health and safety of all our students, staff and families and reduce the risk of outbreaks from the COVID-19 virus in schools in the WRDSB and throughout Ontario. We must do everything we can to ensure that when schools are opened they are as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Piatkowski".

Scott Piatkowski  
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees  
Waterloo Region District School Board

CC: Ontario Public School Boards' Association, Ontario Public School Boards