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The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
315 Front Street West, 14th Floor
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Dear Minister Lecce,

At its meeting on September 26, 2022, the Board of Trustees for the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB), agreed to write to you to express our support of the York Region District School Board's (YRDSB) letter requesting the Ministry of Education (Ministry) consider amending s. 55 of the Education Act to allow student trustees to move and second motions.

In the WRDSB, Student Trustees advocate on behalf of all students, bringing student voice to Board meetings and are a liaison between the student body, staff and trustees.

WRDSB Trustees believe that amending s. 55 of the Education Act to allow student trustees to move and second motions will further support the WRDSB's strategic direction centring students. Giving students a stronger voice through their Student Trustees further enhances student engagement by valuing their voices and ensuring they are heard.

Minister Lecce, we respectfully request the Ministry of Education consider amending The Education Act to allow Student Trustees the ability to move and second motions at board and committee meetings.

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: WRDSB Trustees and Student Trustees
Ontario Public School Boards' Association Member Board Chairs