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The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Lecce,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees for the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB), I am writing to you to express our support for the letter you received from the Halton District School Board dated June 18, 2021, in which they asked:

**“That the Provincial Government and more importantly the Ministry of Education be accountable to the TRC Calls to Action on Education that were passed in June 2015, by reviewing and revising the Indigenous history curriculum materials, which were developed in 2018 but never released by the current government, so they can be introduced in schools this Fall.”**

In May, the unearthing of the remains of 215 Indigenous children on the grounds of the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia was a sad reminder of the lack of knowledge of Indigenous history that so many Canadians have. In the absence of provincial direction on the Calls to Action 62-65, the WRDSB like other boards, has begun to embed First Nations, Inuit, and Metis histories into programming. However, without leadership from the province this action will result in inconsistencies in programming.

Minister Lecce, we ask you to recognize the urgency of introducing Indigenous history curriculum and expedite this process to release updated curriculum to schools across the province immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. West".



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