January 7, 2022

Karen Redman, Regional Chair, Region of Waterloo
Regional Council, Region of Waterloo
Region of Waterloo
150 Frederick Street
Kitchener, ON, N2G 4J3

Dear Chair Redman and Regional Council,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees for the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB), I am writing regarding the Region of Waterloo conversion of the former Kinsmen Daycare Centre into a temporary isolation center for individuals experiencing homelessness who test positive for COVID-19 or who are awaiting testing results. Trustees have requested that the Region provide a detailed safety plan and timelines for parents of the four surrounding schools and community members.

The WRDSB looks forward to working together with the Region of Waterloo and Cambridge Shelter Corporation to ensure appropriate measures are taken to mitigate any potential concerns and ensure the wellbeing of our students and staff, as well as those isolating at the Centre. As we move forward, we would like to extend an offer to collaborate at the start of projects in a way that may proactively address concerns and better support the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

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