

April 29, 2019

Dear Chairperson;

Recently, our Board of Trustees approved a motion to send a letter to Minister Thompson regarding the government's commitment to only fund the current Full Day Kindergarten program for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Waterloo Region District School Board is asking that the Provincial Government commit to funding Full Day Kindergarten beyond the 2019-2020 school year.

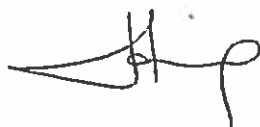
During the Education announcement on March 15 at the Ontario Science Centre, Minister of Education Lisa Thompson indicated her support full-day learning and made no further comment on whether the current program would be changing.

Research shows that Full Day Kindergarten provides students with many benefits. Students in the Full Day Kindergarten program have strong skills in reading, writing and numeracy as well as social skills and self-regulation.

The current program gives our students and their families the best start in public education.

We request that your Board take any action they deem appropriate to ensure that Full Day Kindergarten continues for four and five-year-olds in Ontario.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson of the Board

cc: Chairs of all District School Boards



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