

April 29, 2019

Honourable Lisa Thompson
Minister of Education
14th Floor, Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Y4

Dear Minister Thompson;

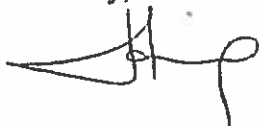
On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Waterloo Region District School Board, I am writing to ask that you commit to funding Full Day Kindergarten beyond the 2019-2020 school year.

Publicly, your government has not committed to funding Full Day Kindergarten beyond next school year. During the Education announcement on March 15 at the Ontario Science Centre, you said you support full-day learning and made no further comment on whether the current program will 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.

I and my fellow trustees urge you to not make any changes to the current Full Day Kindergarten program. The current program gives our students and their families the best start in public education.

Sincerely,



Jayne Herring
Chairperson of the Board

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