



Bluewater District School Board

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The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
315 Front Street West, 14th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 0B8

Dear Minister Lecce:

On behalf of Bluewater District School Board, we are writing in support of Halton District School Board's request for a review and update of Ontario Regulation 463/97 (Electronic Meetings and Meeting Attendance) as outlined in their letter dated October 14, 2020.

While our trustees have returned to in-person board and committee meetings to coincide with the recent reopening of schools, we agree that the current regulation should be expanded to reflect the many strides in technology since the regulation's enactment in 1997. We also agree that the regulation does not account for extraordinary circumstances where fully digital meetings could be held utilizing technology that is readily available to us.

As always, our commitment remains focused on providing a quality education for every student in a safe, accepting, and caring environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Johnstone".

Jan Johnstone
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Thomson".

Jane Thomson
Vice-Chair

cc: MPP Bill Walker, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce
MPP Jim Wilson, Simcoe-Grey
Marit Stiles, NDP Education Critic
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