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Kathleen Woodcock, President Ontario Public School Boards' Association 439 University Avenue Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8

Dear Kathleen Woodcock:

The Near North District School Board's Board of Trustees has passed a resolution on January 14, 2025 regarding Ontario school board efficiencies:

That in the interests of applying more resources to student success and well-being, the NNDSB Board of Trustees send a letter to the Minister of Education asking the Ministry to initiate, study and begin consultations regarding efficiencies within the four-school board system model. And that the NNDSB also sends a letter to OPSBA asking it to advocate the same with the Ministry of Education on its' member boards' behalf, and that the letters be shared with all OPSBA member boards. - Carried

NNDSB strongly believes it is worth exploring ways to create greater efficiencies within the four-model school system to optimize resources and better serve students, families and educators.

By engaging in meaningful consultations and evidence-based analysis, the Ministry can gain valuable insights into how we can modernize the education system while preserving its core values. This approach would not only enhance the delivery of education but also demonstrates a commitment to fiscal responsibility and public trust.

NNDSB would like OPSBA to advocate on its' behalf to the Ministry that efficiencies in the four-school board system model be studied.

Sincerely,

Ashley St. Pierre Chair

cc:

Stephanie Donaldson, Executive Director OPSBA Ontario English Public School Board Chairs NNDSB Trustees OPSBA Member School Boards Council of Directors of Education