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The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
22nd Floor, Mowat Block
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Dear Minister Thompson,

At the December 11, 2018 Board meeting, trustees received a [report](#) summarizing community concerns and input to the York Region District School Board with regard to activities that occurred during the Municipal Election campaign period.

The Education Act, specifically Section 218.2, Code of conduct and Section 218.3, Enforcement of code of conduct as well as Regulation 246/18, Members of School Boards – Code of Conduct specify the duties of school boards with regard to the implementation and enforcement of their code of conduct. The York Region District School Board has passed the following motion requesting that the Education Act be amended to include additional accountability measures and sanctions.

“That the York Region District School Board authorize the Chair of the Board, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to write a letter to the Ontario Minister of Education and its local Members of Provincial Parliament requesting that;

- ***Section 218.3 of the Education Act be amended to include the same powers on an inquiry for alleged breaches of a trustee code of conduct as those provided for in Section 223.4 (2) (3) & (4) of the Municipal Act, and***
- ***Section 218.3(3), of the Education Act be amended to include the additional school board right to suspend trustee honorarium.”***

The Board of Trustees is committed to upholding and enforcing its Code of Conduct. I am pleased to share that a meeting has been conducted with the Board Chair, Integrity Commissioner and Trustee Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey and she has developed a draft plan to rebuild trust with affected stakeholders on which feedback has been provided for her consideration.

Sincerely,



Corrie McBain
Chair of the York Region District School Board

- cc. Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP, York-Simcoe
- Honourable Michael A. Tibollo, MPP, Vaughan-Woodbridge
- Honourable Gila Martow, MPP, Thornhill
- Honourable Christine Elliott, MPP, Newmarket-Aurora
- Daisy Wai, MPP, Richmond Hill
- Billy Pang, MPP, Markham-Unionville
- Logan Kanapathi, MPP, Markham-Thornhill
- Paul Calandra, MPP, Markham-Stouffville
- Stephen Lecce, MPP, King-Vaughan
- Michael Parsa, MPP, Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill
- York Region District School Board Trustees