



To: Chair and Members  
Committee of the Whole

DATE: 05 March 2019

RE: Ontario Autism Program

Trustee Blackburn has given notice that she intends to move as follows at the Committee of the Whole meeting of 05 March 2019:

WHEREAS the Ontario government has introduced changes to the Ontario Autism Program effective 01 April 2019;

WHEREAS the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) has expressed its concerns to Ministers Thompson and MacLeod in a letter dated 26 February 2019 about the planned changes to the Ontario Autism Program and the potential impact of those changes on the supports that school boards will be able to provide for students with autism; and

WHEREAS the planned changes to the Ontario Autism Program will not adequately meet the needs of students with autism and will put extra pressure on the limited resources of school boards;

THEREFORE be it resolved:

**THAT the Chair of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board write a letter to Ministers Thompson and MacLeod:**

- A. To endorse the position of the OPSBA on the planned changes to the Ontario Autism Program as expressed to the Ministers in the letter dated 26 February 2019;**
- B. To request that the Ministers reconsider the planned changes to the Ontario Autism Program with respect to the impact that these changes will have on the ability of school boards to meet the needs of autistic students; and**
- C. To advocate that the Ministers meet with OPSBA representatives to discuss the needs of school boards with respect to providing service to students with autism.**

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Camille Williams-Taylor  
Director of Education and  
Secretary of the Board

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Michèle Giroux  
Executive Officer  
Corporate Services

*Signatures on this Notice of Motion confirm that the Notice was submitted in accordance with  
Section 12.9 of the Board's By-laws and Standing Rules.*