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To Parents, Families and Communities,

We believe in the importance of a well-funded education system.

All English language public school boards in Ontario belong to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA). OPSBA advocates on behalf of our board and trustees. I would direct your attention to their website for a [profile](#) of its advocacy for a strong and well-funded public school system. OPSBA's advocacy is not limited to collective bargaining discussions. OPSBA, through its table officers and senior staff, interacts with the government in many ways, including, but not limited to in-person meetings, letters, submissions to government consultations, and media statements. OPSBA's advocacy positions are vetted and refined by trustees who represent all English public school boards in the province, who sit on its Executive Council, Board of Directors and Education Program and Policy Development Work Teams, to ensure they reflect the perspectives of the school boards and trustees that it represents.

I would also direct your attention to the Association's recent [lobby day](#) at Queen's Park and a [public opinion poll](#) commissioned by the Association on the issue of funding for public education. Additionally, the following links speak specifically to government decisions regarding funding, curriculum and more:

- [OPSBA's 2020-21 GSN consultation submission](#)
- [OPSBA's submission to the May 2019 consultation on hiring practices and class size](#)
- [OPSBA's response to the government's wide-ranging late 2018 education consultation](#)
- [OPSBA's public media releases and statements](#)

I believe we are all taking steps to inform and unify Ontario's public school supporters – families, students, teachers, education workers, trustees and taxpayers – to advocate for a world-class public school system that is well-funded, supported by government and best supports the achievement and well-being needs of our students.

I know we can continue to work together for the betterment of public education in our board and across Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cecile Marcino".

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Chair of the Board

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