

March 21, 2023

The Honourable Stephen Lecce  
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Dear Minister Lecce,

**Amending the *Education Act* for Student Trustees to Move and Second Motions**

At the Board meeting on February 22, 2023, the Board of Trustees approved the following motion to request an amendment to the *Education Act* that would allow student trustees to independently move and second motions:

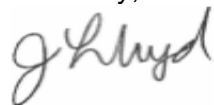
“That the Chair of the Board send a letter to the Minister of Education, with copies to local MPPs and all other school boards, requesting that the *Education Act* be amended to give student trustees the right to independently move and second motions.”

Currently, Section 55(4) of the *Education Act* states that student trustees are not entitled to move a motion but may only suggest a motion. These suggested motions need to be moved and seconded by members of the Board to be debated.

Through the suggested amendment to the *Education Act*, student trustees will be able to bring forward student issues directly to the Board of Trustees allowing for greater student participation and student voice in matters that concern them directly.

This request in no way seeks to grant student trustees the right to exercise a binding vote, but only that they be permitted to move and second motions, which then allow the Board members to debate and vote on the matter.

Sincerely,



Jodi Lloyd  
Chairperson  
Simcoe County District School Board

c: Hon. Doug Downey, MPP, Barrie, Springwater, Oro-Medonte  
Hon. Jill Dunlop, MPP, Simcoe North  
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