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The Honourable Stephen Lecce  
Minister of Education  
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To the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education:

At its regular meeting of February 25, 2020, the Thames Valley Board of Trustees passed a motion to use funds from the Board's accumulated surplus to support the transition to, and implementation of, a new Student Information System. The transition to replace the current Trillium Student Information System is an urgent requirement due to the vendor's notification that its support will cease in August 2021.

Such systems provide critical software infrastructure for compiling a database of accurate information to enable the Board to meet ongoing Ministry of Education reporting requirements, as well as supporting the daily operation of our schools.

Along with Thames Valley, a significant number of school boards across the Province of Ontario are also faced with transitioning from their existing student information systems. However, despite the critical value of this system to allow Boards to meet Ministry mandates, no specific funding is provided by the Government.

While Trustees supported Administration's request to use accumulated surplus funds for the transition to a new Student Information System, the Board also passed the following motion requesting that such unfunded liabilities be appropriately funded by the province:

*That the Chair send a letter to the Ministry asking for funding to reimburse TVDSB for implementation of the new Student Information System and any ongoing maintenance costs.*

We welcome your serious consideration of this motion and look forward to being your collaborative partner with this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arlene Morell".

Arlene Morell, Chair  
Thames Valley District School Board

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