



Mark Fisher, Director of Education and Secretary

2022 May 27

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
5th Floor, 438 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 2A5

Via email: minister.edu@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Lecce:

Thames Valley District School Board is the fourth largest school board in Ontario, spanning an area of more than 7,000km². Our district is shared across Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford Counties and the City of London. Due to our district's significant size, we serve a unique combination of urban, suburban and rural communities.

Our district's history is equally unique. Thames Valley came into being on January 1, 1998, with the amalgamation of the Elgin County Board of Education, the Board of Education for the City of London, the Middlesex County Board of Education and the Oxford County Board of Education. Since amalgamation, Thames Valley has maintained an equal distribution of City of London and County Trustees to ensure the diverse voices of our district are fairly represented.

Recognizing our school board's unique history and geography, I ask on behalf of the Board of Trustees that Thames Valley District School Board be granted an exemption from the timelines and process outlined in O. Reg. 412/00 00; and that Thames Valley District School Board's Trustee determination be permanently distributed as:

- Two (2) Trustees representing Oxford County
- Two (2) Trustees representing Middlesex County
- Two (2) Trustees representing Elgin County
- Six (6) Trustees representing the City of London

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "L. Pizzolato".

Lori-Ann Pizzolato
Chair of the Board
Thames Valley District School Board

cc: Trustees
Mark Fisher, Director of Education

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