



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION DATE: April 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Local Governance Support
CONSIDERATION DATE: April 13, 2026
MOVED BY: Councillor Best
SECONDED BY: Councillor Khalqi

WHEREAS school trustees have existed in Ontario since 1816 and have long played an essential role in delivering accountability, reflecting local priorities and ensuring that the students they represent are receiving the resources and education they need and deserve. This role has been central to the operation of Ontario's schools since before confederacy, enshrining democratic representation as a key principle at the heart of our publicly funded education system;

AND WHEREAS the residents of the Town of Milton rely on these representatives to advocate for students and reflect the priorities of the Town's diverse communities. Trustees are responsible for maintaining accountability, transparency and local representation for parents and students in the publicly funded education system;

AND WHEREAS with the passing of Bill 33, which received Royal Assent in November 2025, which grants the province overriding authority over school boards - authority which the Minister signaled may be used to eliminate the role of trustees in Ontario's education system in part or in whole;



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Milton Town Council express its support for the role of locally elected trustees in ensuring accountability, representing local priorities and advocating for the needs of students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Milton Town Council request that the Province of Ontario first initiate a robust, province-wide consultation on school board governance models before considering any decision that would alter the governance role of trustees. That this consultation process includes province wide Town Hall meetings, surveys, virtual and in person focus groups and round table discussions that would seek input from students, parents, staff, leaders, and community and also discuss research concerning the pros and cons of eliminating local Trustee representation while also promoting open dialogue and two-way conversations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Milton Town Council forward this item to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Hon Minister of Education for Ontario, as well as Members of Provincial Parliament representing ridings in the Region of Halton.