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Your Worship
Bonnie Crombie, MBA, ICD.D
Mayor of the City of Mississauga
300 City Centre Drive
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Dear Mayor Crombie,

Thank you for your letter dated August 19, 2022, to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, regarding the preservation and maintenance of Dunton-Gardiner House, Britannia Farmhouse and Conover Barn, which are owned by Peel District School Board (PDSB). Your letter has been forwarded to me and I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The Ministry of Education (ministry) is committed to working with the local school boards in the Peel area on their school and child care needs.

The ministry is responsible for providing funding to school boards to address their capital needs, and school boards are responsible for managing their capital assets. Additionally, locally elected school board trustees are responsible for making decisions related to their capital assets, including maintenance and repairs.

The ministry also provides ongoing funding to school boards to address school renewal needs and to conduct the necessary long-term planning to keep schools in a state of good repair. Each year, school boards are allocated approx. \$1.4 billion to repair and renew school buildings and sites for educational purposes. For the 2022-23 school year, the PDSB has been allocated approximately \$67 million for school renewal.

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While the ministry provides renewal funding to school boards, it is the board's responsibility to determine how to allocate this funding to its schools based on local needs. Under the Education Act, locally elected school board trustees are responsible for the provision of suitable and adequate accommodation for students in their jurisdiction.

We encourage you to continue to work with PDSB and the local school board trustees on this matter.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Didem Proulx
Assistant Deputy Minister
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