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Dear Sir or Madame:

As one of Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's (HWDSB) potential facility partners, you know the value and impact partnership can have on improving student achievement. Cooperation and collaborative partnerships are part of the foundation of a strong, vibrant and sustainable publicly funded education system.

We want to make the best use of public assets by offering space, on a cost-recovery basis, in our schools to our community partners. By doing this, we can strengthen the role of schools in communities, provide a place for programs and facilitate the coordination of, and improve access to, services for our students and the wider community.

Across the province, school boards have entered into successful facility partnerships with community agencies to reduce facility costs and improve educational opportunities. The Ministry of Education is encouraging us to build on that success by adding community partnerships that support student achievement.

HWDSB currently has surplus space in many of its buildings. We want to hear from community partners looking to share facilities to the benefit of students and the community. Community agencies are invited to indicate their interest by going to www.hwdsb.on.ca/community/facility-partnerships. You can also find more information by reviewing the Ministry of Education guidelines at www.hwdsb.on.ca/community/facility-partnerships/documents/media.pdf. Please note that all partnerships are on a cost-recovery basis and applications should be received by September 13, 2013.

We value your service within the community and look forward to the possibility of working together to improve services, programs and supports for our students as well as maximize the use of public infrastructure through increased flexibility and use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Malloy".

Dr. John Malloy
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