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Judith Bishop
Chair, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
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Dear Ms. Bishop,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the constituents of Ward 3 with respect to the review being conducted by the Accommodation Review Committees of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

I cannot stress enough to the Board of Trustees and staff of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board my deepest concerns about the possible closures/consolidations of several Ward 3 schools.

I appreciate that education issues are a responsibility of the Provincial Government, but the possible implications of these closures/consolidations would affect the Lower City greatly. Hamilton is expected to see double digit growth in the Lower City based on various factors, such as the intensification goals set out by the Province. We need the necessary education infrastructure to handle this growth. As well, many of these schools foster a strong sense of community amongst parents, students and educators, that could be detrimentally affected if closures/consolidations are approved by the Board.

In conclusion, I would urge the Board to maintain all existing schools in Ward 3. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Yours Very Sincerely,

Bernie Morelli,
Councillor, Ward 3

CC: Tim Simmons, Vice Chair - Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and
Trustee - Ward 3

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