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## Downtown Community Hub Secures Funds to Continue Business Case

**Hamilton, Ontario – May 28, 2018:** During the Board meeting on May 28, 2018, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Trustees confirmed the receipt of \$230,000 to fund the business development case for the Downtown Community Hub.

“We’re pleased to receive the funds from the Ministry of Infrastructure’s Community Hubs Division to continue the conversation, development and vision for the Downtown Community Hub,” said Todd White, Chair of the Board.

The approval of funding allows Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board to begin the procurement process and secure a consultant to facilitate the business development case working with all six capital partners. The partners include the City of Hamilton, Hamilton Community Foundation, Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Home Inc., HWDSB, Hamilton Health Sciences and the YMCA of Hamilton | Burlington | Brantford. The business development case will be prepared within the timeframe of September 2018 to April 2019.

“Throughout the 2018-19 school year, we will continue to pursue opportunities from the Ministry of Education to re-submit our capital plan for a new school on this site,” said White.

HWDSB staff continues to seek \$30.75 million for the Board’s portion of the community hub located on the Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School site. The components include a 600-pupil place replacement elementary school for Hess and Strathcona, a 3-room child care facility, a Child and Family Centre, and a space for the relocation of the HWDSB Assessment Centre and Alternative Education.

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