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Barbara McCool, Chair
Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
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Dear Barbara,

A number of months ago, our Director of the Near North District School Board, Jackie Young, asked if your board might be interested in joining forces to address the Ministry's desire to have coterminous boards form strong and purposeful planning partnerships; thereby gaining priority and confidence with the Ministry of Education, as outlined Memo *2015:B09 Release of New Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline and Community Planning Partnerships Guideline*.

At that time, it was thought that the response was one of no interest to move in this direction. I am respectfully asking for a formal response to our request as we continue working through our Capital Planning process. It would be most appreciated if you could please respond by end of this school year.

Sincerely,

David Thompson, Chair

C. *Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education*