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Ms. Angela Kennedy
Toronto Catholic District School Board
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Dear Ms. Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter about our recent changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.


As you are aware, Ontario has now passed the *Municipal Elections Modernization Act, 2016*, when Bill 181, an Act to amend the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* received Royal Assent on June 9, 2016. We recognize there are a range of interests held by many different groups and members of the public, and our changes capture the majority of what we heard during our consultations.

You express concerns related to election administration, including a lack of knowledge with school board electoral processes among voting day staff. Municipal clerks are responsible for the administration of municipal elections and any concerns related to election administration should be directed to the clerk responsible for conducting the election.

You also express concerns related to the voters' list. As a part of Bill 181, we made some improvements to ensure an accurate voters' list and will be working with stakeholders to identify and consider long-term solutions to the development of municipal voters' lists. We appreciate the recommendations you have provided here and will consider them as a part of our continued efforts to improve municipal voters' lists. I have also taken the opportunity to copy the Minister of Finance, Charles Sousa, due to your comments on the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the government. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Bill Mauro
Minister

c: The Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance