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June 27, 2017

Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP
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Dear Minister Naidoo-Harris:

We are writing as the Board of Trustees for the Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland, and Clarington Catholic District School Board to commend you on your visionary and diligent work in bringing forward for consideration and passing the Anti-Human Trafficking Act 2017. This is a significant piece of legislation which raises awareness about and puts in place a process to more effectively protect young girls who have become and are at risk of becoming victims of this offense to human dignity. It seeks to address an issue that is a scourge in Ontario, especially in smaller cities and towns where young girls are becoming most vulnerable.

The issue of human trafficking calls on all of us to put in place the education, the law enforcement, the counselling services and the preventative strategies that will affirm, strengthen and engage all of our young citizens in a process of learning, developing and growing in self-esteem, courage, and clarity in communicating to trusted adults any experience that makes them feel vulnerable or unsafe. Through the awareness-raising and the courageous persuasion of your government, Minister Naidoo-Harris, Ontarians are now much more conscious of a pervasive and destructive practice in our communities, one which would and should cause millions of women and men to rise up in defense of our daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, adopted daughters, goddaughters, nieces, neighbours, and students. Together we need to fight against this horrific attack on the dignity and life of our young female citizens. Please be assured of our gratitude and our commitment to cooperating with you in all of the educational aspects of this new legislation.

We will proudly take part in the annual recognition of February 22 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

On behalf of the entire PVNC community, we thank you for your courageous leadership.

Most sincerely,

Michelle Griepsma
Chair of the Board

Michael Nasello
Director of Education

c.c. Kathleen Wynne – Premier of Ontario
Patrick Daly, President - Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association ✓

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Laurie Scott, M.P.P.
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Dear Member of Provincial Parliament Scott:

We are writing as the Board of Trustees for the Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland, and Clarington Catholic District School Board to commend you on your visionary and diligent work in bringing forward for consideration the "Saving the Girl Next Door Bill" and for inspiring the passing of the Anti-Human Trafficking Act 2017. This is a significant piece of legislation which raises awareness about and puts in place a process to more effectively protect young girls who have become and are at risk of becoming victims of this offense to human dignity. It seeks to address an issue that is a scourge in Ontario, especially in smaller cities and towns where young girls are becoming most vulnerable.

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