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February 10, 2022

Dear Michelle Coutinho,

**Re: School Bus Shortage**

It has been brought to my attention by a concerned parent that there is an ongoing issue regarding the school bus shortage impacting a number of students from Shelburne and surrounding areas who attend Robert F. Hall.

We recognized that the school bus shortage is not isolated to just our area. We also acknowledge that our students have been severely impacted by the pandemic and the changes to their schedule over the past two years resulting in a number of mental health concerns. While these issues affect all students, we know that students of colour and other marginalized students are often impacted the most. Being at home and doing online-learning for an extended period can further exacerbate these issues.

We are hoping that the school board is working on alternate arrangements to get our students who rely on a school bus back to in person learning as soon as possible.

We are open to partnering with you to help identify alternate solutions to get our students back in the classroom.

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Sincerely,



Alethia O’Hara Stephenson, President, Dufferin County Canadian Black Association



Steve Anderson, Deputy Mayor Town of Shelburne, Regional Councillor Dufferin County.

cc. Frank Di Cosola,

Natalie Currah