



CANADA

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*I am pleased to offer my sincere congratulations to the students and staff of Waterdown District High School upon the occasion of the adoption of a new student constitution that will better reflect Canada's form of government.*

*Canada inherited its parliamentary structure from the United Kingdom where, over the centuries, it evolved into the institution we now enjoy. At its heart, this form of representational government is designed to uphold the core values of the pursuit of democracy, good governance, human rights and the rule of law.*

*As you embark upon your new path of governance, I hope that you will always remember that, as representatives of the student body, you are accountable to those who elected you, while maintaining your own principles and leadership abilities. Often, good governance requires difficult decisions; do not be afraid to rely upon the wisdom of others, and be prepared to stand for what is right.*

*On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for every future success.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Stephen Harper".

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