



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to the staff and students of Waterdown District High School (WDHS) as you take part in the student-wide election for the 2017 – 18 Student House.

This year, as we mark the 150th anniversary of Canada and Ontario, we have a unique opportunity to come together to celebrate pride and optimism in our country and our province, foster a greater understanding of our collective history, and unite around a shared vision for the future.

The future seems even brighter when I reflect on the remarkable work of students Selah Bishop, Adam McKenzie, Cameron Ramolla and Alison Smoke. Under the generous guidance of teacher and advisor Nathan Tidridge, these four students formed the WDHS Electoral Reform Committee, and led a successful initiative to update the school's Student Parliament Constitution. The new constitution, which allows students to form political parties for the first time, will govern the election of this year's WDHS Student House.

Selah, Adam, Cameron and Alison — I commend you for your dedication to civic engagement and to the democratic principles that underpin the strength and success of our country and our province. I also applaud your commitment to enriching the life of your school community. It seems clear that you are not just leaders of tomorrow, as us older people tend to say — you are leaders today.

I offer my sincere best wishes for what I know will be an exciting and rigorous student election, and for much continued fulfilment and success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen Wynne'.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier