

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

MOTION

October 24, 2024 Board Meeting

MOVED BY: Member Pauls

SECONDED BY:

Whereas, the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board voted to end a 26 year old Police Liaison Program in June 2020; and

Whereas, Police data indicates that in the last 5 years there has been an escalation in crime related to children and youth ages 12 -17; and

Whereas, the Police Liaison Program provides for proactive policing which includes student education on important and relevant topics such as the impact and use of illegal drugs, bullying and sexting; and

Whereas, the Police Liaison Program benefits and improves student interactions and familiarization with the police; and

Whereas, there are short and long-term benefits to providing opportunities for students and the police to associate and communicate with each other in a casual manner;

Therefore, let it be resolved that:

- a) The Board request the Chief of Police to consider ways in which to advance the relationship between the Hamilton Police Service and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board; and
- b) That the Chief of Police report back to the Board in the spring of 2025.