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Mr. Jamie McGarvey, President  
Association of Municipalities Ontario

Dear Mr. McGarvey,

On behalf of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), I would like to congratulate you on your recent success in becoming the next President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Our continued strong working relationship and sharing of key information on important issues such as the significance of local, elected municipal representation, our common upcoming elections, the legalization of recreational cannabis and community hubs speaks to our ongoing partnership as the provincial advocates for municipalities and public school boards.

At OPSBA, we are committed to a public education system that offers our children and youth every possible opportunity for success in life and we look forward to hearing from you and working together in the months ahead.

I am interested in connecting with you and would ask that you call me at your earliest convenience at 416-302-2877. I do have one specific request – with the provincial change in the retail selling of recreational cannabis, we would very much appreciate your association requesting its members to include school boards in discussions when determining local retail store locations and their proximity to schools. School board staff and trustees had been involved with the Ontario Cannabis Store (OCS) regarding this and we would hope for continued involvement.

Once again, congratulations and we look forward to continuing our established staff relationships and political partnership with AMO as we build our communities together.

Sincerely,

Cathy Abraham  
President