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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Greg Essensa, Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario

FROM: Dr. Kieran M. Moore
Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario

RE: **Chief Medical Officer of Health's Recommendations on Using Schools in Ontario for Election Purposes**

Dear Mr. Essensa,

In follow-up to my February 22nd communication, I am pleased to share additional updates with respect to public health advice for the use of schools for election-related purposes.

The government of Ontario has reopened the province, including the lifting of public health measures and restrictions, including those for the education sector.

As you may be aware, on March 9, 2022, [Living with and Managing COVID-19](#) was released, outlining Ontario's balanced and long-term approach in response to the improvement and stabilization in key public health indicators, high vaccination rates, as well as the arrival of antivirals. Further, as of March 21, 2022, students and staff are no longer required to wear masks nor show proof of verification of their daily screening.

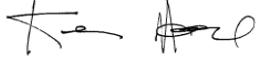
Decisions on revoking the remaining pandemic related requirements will continue to be evidence based and subject to the improvement and stabilization of key health indicators and trends.

While we remain committed to ensuring supports for the most vulnerable are removed last, I am confident Ontario has the tools necessary to manage the impact of this virus, and that we can expect continued progress in moving away from a reliance on additional public health measures and restrictions.

As such, at this time, I no longer recommend additional specific COVID-19 measures in the use of schools for election-related purposes.

I wish you and your colleagues a successful implementation of the election process.

Sincerely,

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