

October 23, 2020

The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
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Dear Minister Lecce,

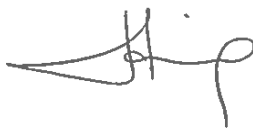
I am writing to you today to support a letter you received from the Upper Grand District School Board on September 15, 2020.

The Ministry of Education must provide critical funding to school boards to ensure student and staff's safety. This includes smaller class sizes to increase physical distancing, hiring more staff and ensuring personal protective equipment is available to everyone who needs it.

We mustn't forget that the safety protocols extend beyond our classrooms and schools and include our students who rely on student transportation. We support the UGDSB and their request for funding to have bus monitors on every bus route. Bus monitors will ensure that students are wearing their masks and staying in their assigned seats while drivers are focused on driving safely.

Please consider the funding request of the UGDSB. Their students and staff are counting on your support.

Sincerely,



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