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CPCO Supports Increased Education Funding for 2021-22

TORONTO: The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) welcomes the Minister of Education's announced investments for the 2021-22 school year.

"As students continue to live with the impacts of the pandemic, it is essential to provide them with the necessary supports and opportunities for the 2021-22 school year. The Minister's announcement of increased funding for students, through the Grants for Student Needs—coupled with funding for mental health, learning recovery and student re-engagement—are all positive investments in supporting student success. We are concerned, however, about those students who may continue to be disconnected from their own education in September," said CPCO President Blaine MacDougall.

"While we continue to be buoyed by the progress being made by healthcare workers in their vaccination efforts, we anticipate that next year will require our Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals to continue to exert extraordinary efforts towards operating our schools. As administrators, we welcome the announcement of additional funding for temporary staffing supports, as this will help to continue to address the ongoing concern of staff coverage that administrators throughout Ontario have to deal with every day," added MacDougall. "We continue to meet with the Minister and other Ministry officials to bring forward constructive solutions, and we are encouraged by the positive investments made in this announcement."

CPCO will continue working with our partners to support administrators in their efforts to create a safe learning and working environment for all.

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CPCO represents 2,100 Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals, who lead over 1,300 schools in 29 Catholic district school boards in Ontario

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