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Premier Doug Ford  
Dr. David C. Williams

Dear Premier and Dr. Williams,

Medical experts uniformly agree that vaccines are critical to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19. We know that those working in close quarters, on front lines and in contained spaces are most at risk of being infected with and passing on the virus.

We are currently in the “third wave” of the pandemic, the most dangerous phase so far. As case numbers continue to rise, the Association des directions et directions adjointes des écoles franco-ontariennes (ADFO), the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) and the Ontario Principals' Council (OPC) are calling on the government to acknowledge that the most important safety measure to keep students safe and schools open is to immediately prioritize the vaccination of principals, vice-principals, teachers, education workers and school staff.

Despite screening protocols, symptomatic and asymptomatic students and staff are coming to school and transmitting the virus to others. Schools are congregated settings, where it is impossible to maintain the physical distancing recommended by medical professionals. Staff absences are at a point where school boards are closing schools and pivoting to remote learning, because learning cannot continue due to a lack of staff.

The well-being of students and all staff is critical. The ability to support the learning and achievement of our students is at risk because the government has not prioritized vaccinations for the education sector. We know of and applaud the two local Public Health Units that have recognized and begun to prioritize principals, vice-principals, teachers, education workers and school staff. As we head into the April break, this time away from school provides an ideal window for the government to direct all other Public Health Units to do the same.

For the government to safely keep schools open and support our students and staff, it must prioritize these vaccinations immediately.

Sincerely,



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