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CPCO Statement on Back-to-School Plans for September

TORONTO: The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario welcomes the release of the Ministry of Education's back-to-school plans for the upcoming school year.

"With the 2021-2022 school year fast approaching, the release of the Ministry of Education's back-to-school plan is welcome news for many Catholic administrators around the province as they make preparations to ensure the safety of students and staff returning to the classroom this fall," said CPCO President Antonella Rubino. "With the release of back-to-school plans outlining the resumption of full-day, in-person learning and extracurricular activities, Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals will be working in collaboration with local school boards and public health units to develop and implement the appropriate measures for health and safety."

"As educators, Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals have been steadfast in our belief that, when it is safe, in-person learning is an essential part of the education experience and an important element of student well-being. This is why CPCO has continued to actively work over the summer in support of the Science Table recommendations for the upcoming school year," added Rubino.

CPCO will continue to advocate for appropriate measures that prioritize and support Catholic administrators in their efforts to create a safer community for all students, staff and families.

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