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The Honourable Christine Elliott
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Dr. Ian Arra
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Dear Minister Lecce, Minister Elliott, and Dr. Arra:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we are reaching out to our public health and provincial partners to implore that our frontline essential education workers, who work directly with or in close proximity to students, be prioritized to receive COVID-19 vaccinations as soon as possible.

We understand that vaccinations for frontline essential education workers have been or are being fast-tracked in other parts of the province. We applaud these efforts and ask that the same prioritization be extended to our local region. This is especially critical if our schools are to remain open to in-person learning and continue operating safely while the provincial stay-at-home order is in effect. As identified many times by the provincial government, public health officials, and those working in public education, in-person learning is imperative to student mental health and well-being. Prioritizing vaccinations for education workers is a crucial step in keeping our physical schools open while curbing the spread of COVID-19.

As always, our commitment remains focused on providing a quality education for every student in a safe, accepting, and caring environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jane Thomson'.

Jane Thomson
Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jan Johnstone'.

Jan Johnstone
Vice-Chair

cc: Andrea Horwath, NDP Leader, Official Opposition

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