January 16, 2020

Dear Minister Lecce,

My name is Lauren McIllfaterick and I am writing to you on behalf of the Beachburg Public School Council.

The Beachburg Public School Council wishes to express its support for the labour action taken by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federal (OSSTF) and the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) in response to the Provincial Government's failure to negotiate a fair and reasonable renewal of their collective agreements.

We support the education workers fighting to ensure the best for our children. We do not support the reckless and dangerous cuts proposed by the current Ontario Government.

We support the call for:

- A guarantee the full-day kindergarten model will continue past 2020
- A return to staffing levels and class size averages to 2018-2019 levels
- The cancellation of mandatory e-learning
- The renewal of the Local Priorities Fund and the guarantee that special education funding will be adequate to meet the needs of every student in our province

We will continue to stand with our education workers. We find the refusal to negotiate and the 'divide and conquer' tactics being utilized by the government not only insulting to your constituents, but evidence that the governments' priorities are not in check.

Our school's educators are some of the most important adults in our children's lives. We will continue to stand in solidarity with our teachers until the government returns to the bargaining table to negotiate an agreement that supports students and their educators.

Sincerely,
Lauren McIllfaterick

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