

September 15, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Provincial Nursing Shortage
Our File 35.31.99**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on September 13, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS a nursing shortage in the Province of Ontario is currently ongoing due to burnout from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS this nursing shortage has led to a situation where many medically fragile children who require one-on-one care from a nurse are unable to find one; and

WHEREAS this situation will lead to these children being unable to attend school this year; and

WHEREAS all available research indicates that in-person learning is superior to online virtual learning in the vast majority of cases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines call upon the Government of Ontario to immediately identify and implement solutions to this crisis that will allow the resumption of in-person learning for these children, possibly including but not limited to greater incentives to retain qualified nurses and the allowance of trained caregivers to fill these roles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford, Health Minister Christine Elliott, MPP Jennie Stevens, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Wayne Gates, MPP Jeff Burch, the local area municipalities and the Niagara Region.”

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



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