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Hon. Doug Ford, MPP
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
110 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Premier:

As you know, I have been advocating extensively to ensure a safe return to school since the early summer. Yet again, there has been a delay by your government in making the investments and changes necessary to keep schools safe enough to remain open.

With a two-week delay to in-person learning, Ontario's children and their families are now facing the consequences of your delayed response.

Your government can ensure schools and classrooms are made safer by:

- Reducing class sizes
- Providing free high-quality masks (preferably N95)
- Having universal vaccines for students
- Implementing a vaccine mandate for education workers
- Installing HEPA filtrations in every classroom
- Introducing a rapid testing program in schools

For months, healthcare and medical experts have advocated for these measures and these safety measures should have been implemented prior to the start of the school year.

You must use this two-week pause to make these improvements and ensure our children can return to school. There is no time to waste.

Yours very truly,

Stephen Blais
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