

Township of Georgian Bay

November 16, 2016

Via e-mail: premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Re: Accommodation Review Process

A resolution from the Township of Zorra, dated October 21, 2016, was presented to the Township of Georgian Bay Council at a regular meeting held November 14, 2016. Please be advised that the following resolution of support was adopted:

WHEREAS the current Accommodation Review process is not reflective of the reality of rural school and community life;

AND WHEREAS school closures impact single-school small rural communities in all educational, social and economic aspects to a far greater degree than those impacts in multi-school urban communities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay requests the Minister of Education initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above mentioned impacts on small rural communities be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, MPP Bill Walker, Minister of Infrastructure, Bluewater District School Board, Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, Community School Alliance, County of Grey, County of Bruce, People for Education, and all municipalities in Ontario, and Trillium Lakelands as well as Simcoe Muskoka Catholic School Board.

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Yours truly,

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c.c. Honourable Bill Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure
All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Norm Miller, MPP Muskoka & Parry Sound
District of Muskoka
Trillium Lakelands School Board
Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
Bluewater District School Board
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People for Education
Doug Reycraft, Chair, Community School Alliance
County of Grey
County of Bruce