



June 17, 2009

Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty:

Subject: Board of Health Requesting Immediate and Full Funding for the Dental Program for Low-Income Families

At the May 21, 2009 Board of Health Meeting for the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit the following motion was passed:

That: The Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Board of Health urge the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; the Honourable Deb Matthews, Chair, Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction and Minister of Children and Youth Services, to immediately implement and fully fund the dental program for low-income families as promised in the 2008 provincial budget, and

That: A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion; Members of Provincial Parliament; Dr. David Williams, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Division; Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Division; Ontario Boards of Health; and Linda Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

There are communities within Leeds, Grenville and Lanark with rates of poverty that exceed both the national and provincial averages. Funding access to dental care for low-income families will help to reduce lost school and work days, will increase productivity and employability, will reduce dependency, and will improve overall health and well being, ultimately resulting in an overall positive impact on society as a whole.

An Accredited Health Unit Since 1990

- | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MAIN OFFICE:
458 Laurier Blvd.
Brockville, ON
K6V 7A3
(613) 345-5685
FAX: (613) 345-2879 | <input type="checkbox"/> SMITHS FALLS OFFICE
52 Abbott St. N.
Unit #2
Smiths Falls, ON K7A 1W3
(613) 283-2740
FAX: (613) 283-1679 | <input type="checkbox"/> KEMPTVILLE OFFICE
Box 343
2685 Concession Rd.
Kemptonville, ON K0G 1J0
(613) 258-5941
FAX: (613) 258-1407 | <input type="checkbox"/> ALMONTE OFFICE
79 Spring St.
Unit #3
Almonte, ON K0A 1A0
(613) 256-1203
FAX: (613) 256-1217
<i>(Closed as of Feb 2009)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> GANANOQUE OFFICE
375 William St. S.
Suite 200
Gananoque, ON K7G 1T2
(613) 382-4231
FAX: (613) 382-7599 |
|---|---|--|--|---|

Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Page 2
June 17, 2009

We look forward to your response on this important issue.

Sincerely,

THE CORPORATION OF THE LEEDS, GRENVILLE
AND LANARK DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Original Signed

(Mr.) Jack Butt
Chair of the Board

JB/hb

c: Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion
Bob Runciman, MPP
Norm Sterling, MPP
Randy Hillier, MPP
Dr. David Williams, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Division
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Division
Ontario Boards of Health
Linda Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies