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December 17, 2010

The Honourable Deb Matthews
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The Honourable Margaret Best
Minister of Health Promotion and Sport
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Dear Ministers:

Re: Commitment to Teaching Health Unit Principles

At its meeting on November 18, 2010, the Sudbury & District Board of Health carried the following resolution #62-10:

WHEREAS the Sudbury & District Health Unit (SDHU) has been a Teaching Health Unit for more than 20 years, fostering innovation, training future public health practitioners and improving public health practice; and

WHEREAS the current Teaching Health Unit Program, the Public Health Research, Education and Development (PHRED) Program, will be dissolved December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury & District Board of Health is committed to continuous public health practice improvement through evidence-informed decision making, practice-relevant research and professional development, as reinforced by the Foundations of the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health will leverage its more than 20 year history as a Teaching Health Unit and continue its commitment to the principles of a Teaching Health Unit, seeking funding and partnership opportunities to further enrich its capacity in a post-PHRED era; and

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FURTHER THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health formally acknowledge the historical contributions of the provincial and health unit PHRED programs, including the provincial and local leaders and staff, and the program's advisory bodies, for their significant contribution to the advancement of public health practice locally and across Ontario; and

FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the current PHRED program boards of health, the PHRED Steering Committee, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion and other partners including the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Ontario Public Health Association and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

The Sudbury & District Board of Health is fortunate to have benefitted from its experiences as a teaching health unit and looks forward to continuing its contributions to public health at local and system levels.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer

c.c.: Allison Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Dr. Alain Beaudet, President, Canadian Institutes of Health Research
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada
Dr. Nancy Edwards, Scientific Director, Institute of Population and Public Health,
Dr. Vivek Goel, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Agency for Health
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Jean Lam, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport
✓ Linda Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Ontario Boards of Health of PHRED programs
PHRED Steering Committee, c/o Sylvia Shedden