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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mr. Greg Essensa, Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario

**FROM:** Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario

**RE:** **Chief Medical Officer of Health's Recommendations on  
Using Schools in Ontario for Election Purposes**

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Dear Mr. Essensa,

Over the past year and a half, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH) has been working with Elections Ontario (EO) to provide advice for election processes and as a point of contact across other ministries (e.g., Ministry of Long-Term Care, Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility).

With respect to EO's inquiry regarding public health advice in the use of schools for election-related purposes, at this point in time it is challenging to be specific as the election is several months away. In the meantime, my advice remains consistent to the advice provided in August 2021 to Elections Canada. Specifically, that the following conditions be considered, particularly in elementary schools:

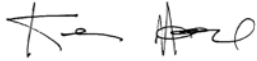
- Direct path to location of polling station;
- There must be separate entrance(s) and exit(s); and
- Must be able to keep students (including children in licensed child care centres co-located in schools) and staff separate from the public.

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In closing, I would like to reiterate that this advice is subject to change as we continue to monitor pandemic trends.

I look forward to continued dialogue and planning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kieran Moore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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