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Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Education
Ministry of Education
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Dear Minister Thompson,

We are writing to you as parents and guardians who are gravely concerned about the deep cuts to public education that your government is making. As involved parents and guardians, our job is to make sure our children have a safe, positive and enriching learning environment. As a school council our job is to help enhance student achievement and hold the education system accountable.

Funding cuts that create larger class sizes, that force students into e-learning, and that reduce the number of qualified teachers and other school staff available to support our children, will severely undermine student achievement.

We want:

- A fully-funded public education system that includes smaller classes, excellent needs-support, no mandatory e-learning, and well-maintained buildings
- Funding that provides equitable enrichment opportunities across the system and reduces the burden on school-based fundraising
- An inclusive curriculum and respect for the diversity of our students and educators.

The systems we need require more, not less, funding. We will press your government on these issues as part of our responsibility to hold the education system accountable. We will join voices with other schools to build strong support for the excellent education all students in Ontario need.

Sincerely,

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School council co-chairs
on behalf of Adam Beck JPS School Council

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