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October 25, 2016

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Wynne:

Re: Accommodation Review Process in Rural Communities

We're in receipt of correspondence dated October 12, 2016 from the Municipality of Grey Highlands regarding the need for government to examine the current Accommodation Review process pertaining to rural communities. This matter is also of utmost importance to our community and as such, Council passed the following Resolution at our meeting on October 24, 2016:

THAT we support Municipality of Grey Highlands Resolution;
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;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request 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 can be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered. CARRIED

We trust you will understand our concern and we await your positive reply.

Yours truly,

Brenda Paul, AMCT
Clerk Administrator

c.c. The Hon. Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education
Near North School Board ✓
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Municipality of Grey Highlands

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