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Re: Thanking Educators

On behalf of Ottawa City Council, I am writing to express our appreciation and gratitude to all educators and school staff who did everything they could to provide a sense of stability, comfort and care to their students, during this unforgettable school year.

To this effect, the Ottawa City Council considered and approved the following resolution at its meeting of June 10, 2020:

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario declared a State of Emergency on March 17, 2020, closing all public spaces, including schools; and



WHEREAS, the closure of schools since March 17, 2020 has caused a state of flux in the education system, for all involved, including students, parents, school administration, teachers and support staff; and

WHEREAS, school officials and the professional teaching and support staff rose to the occasion, pivoted to on-line teaching, distributed resources to thousands of households and did their best to ensure learning continued during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of teachers, other school board staff and parents have been highly commendable and shall be acknowledged and praised;

THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED that, on this final week of the 2019-2020 school year, Ottawa City Council extend its strong appreciation and gratitude to all educators and school staff who did everything they could to provide a sense of stability, comfort and care to their students, during this unforgettable school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor share this resolution with the Directors of Education for Ottawa's four publicly funded school boards (Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario, Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and Ottawa Catholic School Board).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Watson'.

Jim Watson
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