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Public Health Unit, City of Toronto  
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West  
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September 6, 2022

Dear Dr. De Villa,

I am Michelle Teixeira, the President of OSSTF Toronto which represents secondary teachers, secondary occasional teachers and professional student services personnel employed by the Toronto District School Board. I am writing to you today to ensure that we have an open and direct communication regarding the safety and health of our school community during the upcoming year in light of the ongoing pandemic.

We believe that all those responsible for the health and safety of those in our schools should continue to seek to control and minimize the impacts of COVID in those schools to ensure that staff and students can learn in-person, in healthy and safe environments. Effective infection prevention and control efforts will be crucial to a stable 2022-23 school year and will protect the under-vaccinated school-aged population from the significant risks COVID-19 can sometimes pose to children.

Given your responsibility for and capacity to ensure the safety and health of our schools and communities, I am reaching out to you to offer my assistance and support in your efforts to prevent and control COVID transmission and address any COVID outbreaks so that we can keep staff and students healthy and safe and in school.

It is important that we all do our part to ensure the health and safety of our school communities. We appreciate your attention to this letter. We are ready and available to meet with you to discuss the issues raised in this letter and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Michelle Teixeira, President, OSSTF Toronto

cc. Colleen Russel-Rawlins, Director of Education

cc. The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education

cc. The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

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