

Council Meeting – May 4, 2026

Agenda Item # 12.5

Proposed Motion: Deputy Mayor Dunfield – Support for Education System

WHEREAS Premier Doug Ford announced a \$750 classroom supplies grant to educators, which has prompted discussion among education stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS educators, including David Mastin of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, have highlighted ongoing concerns regarding classroom funding and the need for sustainable support;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Rideau Lakes Council supports efforts to ensure stable, adequate funding for Ontario's public education system;

AND WHEREAS the ETFO President has emphasized that while the government's acknowledgment of this reality is long overdue, the underlying issue remains the chronic underfunding of Ontario's public education system, which forces educators to cover costs out of their personal finances;

AND WHEREAS ETFO President David Mastin has made it clear that political gestures aimed at securing political points ahead of contract negotiations do not address the real and urgent need for stable, adequate provincial funding for public education;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this motion be circulated to all 444 municipalities in Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Premier of Ontario, MPP Steve Clark, the Upper Canada District School Board, and all school boards across Ontario, requesting their support.