

Council Meeting – May 4, 2026

Agenda Item # 12.4

Proposed Motion: Deputy Mayor Dunfield – 2026 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference Delegation Request – Support for Education System

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Dunfield

Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS Premier Doug Ford announced a \$750 classroom supplies grant to educators, which has been met with mixed reactions from educational stakeholders, including a statement by David Mastin, President of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), who highlighted the ongoing financial challenges educators face in subsidizing classrooms out of their own pockets;

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;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Rideau Lakes Council is committed to advocating for improvements to the quality and accessibility of public education for students across Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Rideau Lakes Council direct staff to submit a request for a delegation with the Minister of Education at the 2026 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference to discuss the chronic underfunding of public education in Ontario, and to advocate for stable, adequate funding for classrooms to ensure educators and students have the necessary resources for success.