September 21, 2015

The Honourable Eric Hoskins
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Hepburn Block, 10th Floor
80 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Hoskins:

Re: Enforcement of the Immunization of School Pupils Act

On September 18, 2015, the Board of Health for the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit met and reviewed and supported the resolution from Sudbury & District Health Unit dealing with the enforcement of the Immunization of School Pupils Act.

The Board felt strongly that the implementation of Panorama has assisted in the enforcement of the Immunization of School Pupils Act. However, amending the provincial regulations to require health care providers to report to the Medical Officer of Health all immunizations administered to patients under 18 years of age would greatly assist health units in the enforcement of the Act, and eliminate the need to suspend students unnecessarily from school due to what health units perceive as being incomplete immunization records.

Making this amendment to the provincial regulations will greatly assist in the effectiveness and efficiency of the Board’s responsibility.

Sincerely,

Joe Faas,
Chair, Chatham-Kent Board of Health

cc: Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health, Sudbury & District Health Unit
    Linda Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies