



TECT Delegation to the Board of Trustees September 17, 2020

ARE THE SCHOOLS READY?

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Thank You

Board of Trustees

Last Week we heard the Board say:

Elementary Schools are Ready

► In TECT's view:

Schools are still not
ready

Medical experts recommend these essential safety measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- ▶ physical distancing
- ▶ proper air ventilation and
- ▶ appropriate PPE
- ▶ hand washing

Tonight's focus: physical distancing

- ▶ Minister Lecce quoted in the Star regarding class sizes
- ▶ Funding available to reduce class sizes

- ▶ Physical distancing is just not possible in many schools.
- ▶ Photos illustrate the reality of physical distancing.















No windows





- ▶ Teachers want their students to be safe.
- ▶ Physical distancing is not occurring in many schools.

- ▶ Allocate all funds available to lower class sizes in more schools.
- ▶ Take the necessary action to hold the government accountable.
- ▶ Tell the Government to Stop Funding Ads, and to start funding more teachers.

- ▶ COVID-19 numbers increasing
- ▶ Time for decisive action
- ▶ Delay increases risk

- ▶ Website that tracks COVID-19 cases in Toronto schools:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-cases-schools-and-child-care-centres>

- ▶ Numbers are rising and the risk is increasing.
- ▶ Current Number: Students: Staff:

Virtual School

- ▶ Real Challenges
- ▶ Need More Time

You hold the health
and welfare of our
children and staff in
your hands.