Motion Memorandum

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Keeping Schools Open

TO: **Mayor and Members of Council**

FROM: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Date to Committee: Click here to enter a date.

Date to Council: September 21, 2021

Motion for Council to Consider:

Whereas schools are an essential service in all communities and should be protected as much as possible from the need to be closed because of COVID-19 spread; and

Whereas the Halton Regional Council passed a similar resolution on September 15th, 2021,

Therefore be it resolved that Burlington City Council requests that the Province of Ontario first examine and choose methods to reduce community contacts, should they be required, other than closing schools in order respond to rising number of COVID cases; and

That Burlington City Council endorses the written submission by the Council of Medical Officers of Health to the Province of Ontario regarding this issue; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health, Minister of Education, and Burlington's MPP's for their information.

Outcome Sought:

To pass the above resolution in the City of Burlington and support the need to keep schools open.

Vision to Focus Alignment:

☐ Increase economic prosperity and community responsive city growth

☐ Improve integrated city mobility

☐ Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment

☑ Building more citizen engagement, community health and culture

☐ Deliver customer centric services with a focus on efficiency and technology transformation

	Motion Seconded by: Not Required
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Approved as per form by the City Clerk,

Reviewed by the City Manager - In accordance with the Code of Good Governance, Council-Staff Relations Policy and an assessment of the internal capacity within the City to complete the work based on a specific target date (quarter/year).

Comments:

City Clerk: Approved as per form.

City Manager: Approved