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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honourable Eric Hoskins
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
10th floor, 80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Hoskins:

Re: Enforcement of the Immunization of School Pupils' Act (ISPA)

Enforcement by the Sudbury & District Board of Health of the July 2014 legislative changes to the ISPA has highlighted significant challenges for local public health with respect to duplicate and incomplete immunization records. This is in part due to the fact that health care providers are not required to report immunizations to the Medical Officer of Health.

At its meeting on June 18, 2015, the Sudbury & District Board of Health carried the following resolution #25-15:

WHEREAS each public health unit in Ontario is required to enforce the Immunization of School Pupils Act by assessing and maintaining immunization records of school pupils (students) each year; and

WHEREAS parents/guardians whose child(ren) receive vaccine at a health care provider other than public health are required to provide notification of their child's immunizations to their local public health unit; and

WHEREAS healthcare providers are not required under the provisions of the Health Protection and Promotion Act to report immunizations to the Medical Officer of Health; and

WHEREAS incomplete immunization records create significant challenges to the enforcement of the ISPA indicated by the numbers of students suspended from attendance at school under the Act, as well as parental and guardian frustration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health recommend to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care that amendments to provincial regulations be made requiring health care providers to report to the Medical Officer of Health all immunizations administered to patients under 18 years of age.

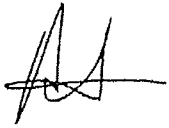
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FURTHER THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health advocate to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care for the integration of all health care provider electronic immunization records onto a common electronic data base to ensure efficient and accurate sharing of immunization records.

FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and to Ontario Boards of Health.

The Board of Health for the Sudbury & District Health Unit takes seriously its responsibility to promote and protect the health of children. The Board believes that measures to enable the accurate and timely reporting of immunizations by all health care providers for all children attending school in Ontario will greatly assist in the effectiveness and efficiency of the Board's responsibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Penny Sutcliffe', with a stylized, cursive script.

Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health

cc: Linda Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Ontario Boards of Health