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Chief Eric Girt
Hamilton Police Services
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To PSB.

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Dear Chief Girt:

As one of our donors who has been committed to the success of our students, I thought it was important to reach out to you personally around the recent news regarding support for students in this province. As you may be aware, the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities announced that the province is making some changes to postsecondary education in Ontario.

The changes include:

- 10% reduction in tuition for Ontario college and university students effective September 2019.
- Removal of grant-only OSAP, meaning every student receiving OSAP will incur some amount of debt.
- Elimination of six-month interest free grace period on OSAP repayment after graduation.

We know from our current students – and those considering post-secondary now - that a modest reduction in tuition will not offset potential changes to OSAP and have them concerned about their ability to finance their education. Students still face rising costs associated with postsecondary education that include textbooks, transportation, rent, food, additional program fees, and more that were not addressed by the government.

I wanted you to know that our message to them is simple – we are here for them. Mohawk College is committed to providing a quality education and positive experience to students. This announcement does not change our commitment. We will continue to educate and serve our students to the high standards they expect from their college and we will work to deploy the support that you have provided to reach as many students as possible.

Thank you for giving the gift of a Mohawk education. Now, more than ever, your support of Mohawk College will positively impact our students. Your generosity serves as a reminder to them that their dreams are meaningful and achievable. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Burrows, Director of Development at Mohawk College Foundation at 905-575-3350.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron J. McKerlie".

Ron J. McKerlie
President