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July 3, 2012

The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins Minister of Children and Youth Services M-1B114, MacDonald Block 900 Bay St. Toronto, ON M7A 1N3

Dear Minister:

Subject: Increased Funding for Preschool Speech and Language Program

At the Board of Health Meeting held on April 19, 2012 the Board of Health passed a motion requesting increased base funding for the Preschool Speech and Language Program.

As caseloads continue to grow, waiting lists for children with speech difficulties continue to grow as well. The objective of the Preschool Speech Language Program is to give children the best opportunity to reach their full communication potential. Without proper funding the successful development of the early years' population is undermined.

We ask that the Minister consider increased funding for the Preschool Speech and Language Program which lays the foundation of success for children referred for PSL Services.

I look forward to hearing from you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

THE CORPORATION OF THE LEEDS, GRENVILLE AND LANARK DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Original signed by

(Mr.) Jack Butt Chair of the Board

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c: Linda Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies Steve Clark, MPP for Leeds and Grenville Randy Hillier, MPP for Lanark, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Jack MacLaren, MPP for Carleton Mississippi Mills Ontario Boards of Health

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