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RE: College Employer Council – OPSEU Negotiations

Dear Minister Matthews;

I am writing to ask that as Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development you take immediate action to facilitate the reopening of negotiations between the College Employer Council (CEC) and the Ontario Public Sector Employees Union (OPSEU).

I have received many phone calls and emails at my constituency office from concerned students, parents, grandparents and OPSEU members about the total lack of negotiations between the CEC and OPSEU since the beginning of the job action on October 16th. Progress towards an agreement cannot take place without both parties to the negotiations being present and working diligently towards a solution.

Minister Matthews, I respectfully request that as Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development you turn your attention to the ongoing labour dispute between the CEC and OPSEU, and that you encourage in the strongest possible terms the immediate return to the bargaining table by both parties.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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