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Dear Parents-

I sincerely hope that you, your children, and your families are staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

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eagerness and flexibility in transitioning toward remote learning. We know that this has not been easy, especially with the profound impact COVID-

Since the beginning of school closures, our plan for the continuity of learning has evolved significantly and successfully. Most recently, we reintroduced teacher-led learning in the province and students are now being assigned work and resources for continuing their education.

As part of this plan, we have outlined expectations for student work-time in a given week based on learning materials and work assigned by your

school boards, with the over \$75 million provided by the provincial government through the Grants for Student Needs. In addition, Apple is providing on-going support in French and English to teachers, parents and students, with a collection of resources to support learning and working from home. These 21,000 delivered devices are in addition to the over 200,000 computers and tablets that school boards have provided to students in need during this period.

Rogers is also working with Ontario school boards to provide high-speed, low-cost Internet to subsidized tenants and members of housing partners across Ontario through its [Connected for Success](#) program, as well as the Government of Canada [Connecting Families](#) initiative.

Partnerships like this . between school boards and tech firms like Rogers Communications and Apple . truly showcase the spirit of Ontario.

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Child care centres and EarlyON Child and Family Programs continue to be closed until at least May 6, 2020. I can assure you the health and safety of your children will be paramount as we make decisions about re-[] ^} ã * ð å , ^ • ~]] [!cO} æ ã q [~ à ! ^ æ response and recovery plan.

I want to express my appreciation to the teachers and education workers who have been adapting to these new circumstances and doing their best to deliver learning and supports for our students. While we cannot guarantee what the %new normal+will look like in our child care and education systems, I promise you; no decision will be made that does not answer %yes+to the following question: does this promote the health, safety, and well-being of our children and students?

There is simply no question · and no answer · more important.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Lecce', is positioned above a horizontal bar. The bar is divided into three colored segments: cyan on the left, magenta in the middle, and pink on the right. Below the bar, there is a faint, light-colored signature.

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
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