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Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building – Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Re: Support for Policy to Install AEDs in all Schools

Please be advised that at their March 15, 2017, regular meeting, East Zorra-Tavistock Council considered and passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Maureen RALPH

Seconded by: Shirley MCCALL HANLON

WHEREAS Automated External Defibrillators are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest and have been proven to be life-saving during the waiting time period for emergency services;

AND WHEREAS for every minute a person in cardiac arrest goes without being successfully treated by defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 7 percent in the first minute, and decreases by 10 percent per minute as time advances past 3 minutes;

AND WHEREAS Andrew Stoddart, a 15 year old boy, passed away while playing soccer in Kintore, Ontario, an AED on site may have increased his odds of survival. Andrew's Legacy Foundation has currently purchased 22 AEDs for across Oxford County, including all three elementary schools in Zorra Township;

AND WHEREAS the Thames Valley District School Board has yet to put together a policy for having AEDs in place in all, or any, of their public elementary and secondary schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of East Zorra - Tavistock requests that the Premier, and Minister of Education, develop a policy that enables all schools and school boards in Ontario, including the Thames Valley District School Board, that allows individual elementary and secondary schools to have an AED installed in their schools;

AND THAT the Municipality of East Zorra-Tavistock request that the Thames Valley District School Board and all other schools in Ontario develop a policy to install AEDs in all schools as soon as possible for the safety of our children;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Education, AMO, Thames Valley District School Board, MPP Ernie Hardeman; and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support.

CARRIED.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Will Jaques".

Will Jaques
Corporate Services Manager/ Clerk

c: Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education
Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford
Laura Elliott, Director, Thames Valley District School Board
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities