

J McKenna MPP
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Dear Jane,

CFUW Burlington is very concerned with the provincial government's proposal making online learning a permanent part of the education system. Such legislation should be delayed until adequate evidence-based scientific research, data collection , and public consultations have occurred. So far there is no evidence that this is a positive move.

This type of learning can negatively affect students, increase inequities, divert funding, lower standards and lead to privatization of public education.

Students currently are suffering from mental health issues, a lack of relationships with peers and teachers, a lack of co-curricular clubs and sports and a lack of socialization.

The well-being of students, their learning and academic success must be considered crucial and at the forefront of any changes. Ontario has a world class public education system. There is no need to rush this legislation through during a pandemic. Let us maintain our world class education system and innovate with proper vision and evidence.

Regards,

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