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Attention: Premier Doug Ford

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Minister Leece and the Education Funding Formula

As a life-long provincial and federal Tory I have been very pleased with most of your government's decisions to date. You may recall I have written to you on several. There was a lot to do given the errors of the previous liberal governments. I am especially grateful for the proclamation of Bill 108 and look forward to the release of the relevant operative and transitional regulations.

Obviously with a new government and new cabinet ministers there were going to be disappointments. In particular I was pleased you recognized the errors in municipal and health related services policies and changed course. The unwillingness to change course has plagued previous Tory leaders and governments in Canada. Well done.

What I have long been interested in and written extensively on are the failures of previous governments to correct the public school funding formula. I had anticipated former Minister Lisa Thompson would have responded to constructive suggestions or at least re-acted. As that never occurred, I congratulate you on today's shuffle of Cabinet with the appointment of Stephen Leece as Minister of Education. As he is new to not only this post but also acting as a Cabinet Minister he will require considerable time and effort to inform himself. In the spirit of trying to assist but also to advance the funding formula issue I attach a memo I prepared in 2015 on the history of this issue and suggested solutions. Obviously, the recent legislative changes will affect these suggestions but the underlying problems remain that are begging for strong

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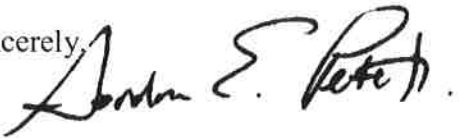
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leadership from you and your new Minister. However, these are changes that are decades overdue and would be welcomed by the vast majority of the electorate and would demonstrate the constructive and thoughtful side of your government.

I hope the attached will be of assistance. If there is a willingness to address the issue, I would be happy to volunteer my time in any way that you find helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordon E. Petch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'G'.

Gordon E. Petch
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