



**TECT Delegation to the Board of Trustees  
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**ARE THE SCHOOLS READY?**

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# Thank You

# Board of Trustees

Last Week we heard the Board say:

# Elementary Schools are Ready

▶ In TECT's view:

Schools are still not  
ready

Medical experts recommend these essential safety measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- ▶ physical distancing
- ▶ proper air ventilation and
- ▶ appropriate PPE
- ▶ hand washing

Tonight's focus: physical distancing

- ▶ Minister Lecce quoted in the Star regarding class sizes
- ▶ Funding available to reduce class sizes

- ▶ Physical distancing is just not possible in many schools.
- ▶ Photos illustrate the reality of physical distancing.

















# No windows







- ▶ Teachers want their students to be safe.
- ▶ Physical distancing is not occurring in many schools.

- ▶ **Allocate all funds available to lower class sizes in more schools.**
- ▶ **Take the necessary action to hold the government accountable.**
- ▶ **Tell the Government to Stop Funding Ads, and to start funding more teachers.**

- ▶ **COVID-19 numbers increasing**
- ▶ **Time for decisive action**
- ▶ **Delay increases risk**

- ▶ Website that tracks COVID-19 cases in Toronto schools:  
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-cases-schools-and-child-care-centres>
- ▶ Numbers are rising and the risk is increasing.
- ▶ Current Number: Students:      Staff:

# Virtual School

- ▶ Real Challenges
- ▶ Need More Time

**You hold the health  
and welfare of our  
children and staff in  
your hands.**