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Hon. Bob Chiarelli
Minister of Infrastructure
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OPEN LETTER

Dear Minister,

As you know I strongly support the proposal by Maple Leaf Schools to redevelop the Muskoka Regional Centre property and build a Chinese/English boarding school.

This proposal would not only bring 200 construction jobs and then 200 permanent jobs to Gravenhurst, it would see the proponents take on the costs and risk associated with demolition of the Muskoka Regional Centre buildings which have been vacant since 1994. This project would revitalize a property that has fallen into disrepair and it would give a significant boost to the economy of Gravenhurst and the whole Muskoka region. Above and beyond the jobs, the plan would create public parkland and athletic facilities which would be available to the residents.

I want to bring to your attention a resolution passed by the District Municipality of Muskoka. The District also supports this proposal and asks that "the Province of Ontario continues positive negotiations with the Town of Gravenhurst, and seek creative measures to ensure this opportunity comes to fruition."

Maple Leaf Schools is anxious to start building a school in Canada so if negotiations for this property stall, they could move on and build a school in another province.

Once again I ask you to do everything you can to expedite negotiations so that this proposal becomes a reality.

Sincerely,

Norman A. Miller, MPP
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