

May 20, 2016

Ms. Nelle Maxey, Secretary Treasurer
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Dear Ms. Maxey:

At the request of the Chair of the Board of Directors at Public Health Ontario, Pierre Richard, I am writing in response to your letter dated May 13, 2016. Thank you for sharing the concerns of Vaccine Choice Canada about recently issued Orders for Suspension from the Attendance at School from the Medical Officer of Health of Hastings Prince Edward Public Health.

Public Health Ontario's purpose is to provide scientific and technical advice and support to those working across sectors to protect and improve the health of Ontarians and to carry out various support activities, all as more detailed in the *Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Act, 2007* (Act).

Under the Act, Public Health Ontario's mandate and legal authority does not include playing a role in the legal proceedings mentioned in your letter. Consistent with this mandate, Public Health Ontario does not provide advice to Medical Officers of Health or the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care with respect to these types of issues.

While we appreciate you bringing this matter to our attention, your concerns are best addressed by the Medical Officer of Health of Hastings Prince Edward Public Health or others more directly involved.

Sincerely,



Dr. Peter D. Donnelly, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

C: Pierre Richard, Chair, Board of Directors
Scott MacEachern, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary