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Hon. Stephen Lecce  
Minister of Education  
5th Flr, 438 University Ave.  
Toronto, ON M5G 2K8  
Via email : [minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Lecce,

We are writing you today regarding the importance of menstrual equity and the urgent need for continued support to provide for menstrual products in schools.

Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) students benefit greatly from timely, free access to quality menstrual products in school washrooms. We are grateful to the Government of Ontario for its groundbreaking initiative in partnership with Shoppers Drug Mart, announced in 2021, which promised to provide school boards with six million free menstrual products on an annual basis.

With this initiative scheduled to conclude by the 2024-2025 school year, TVDSB's entire Board of Trustees, including our Student Trustees, are concerned about maintaining menstrual equity in schools. Without a reliable supply of menstrual products, many boards will not be able to sustain the implementation of such products in all school washrooms and students will face significant barriers to accessing the products they need.

The Government of Canada has recognized the importance of menstrual equity by requiring businesses to offer menstrual products in bathrooms for all employees. TVDSB's Board of Trustees believes that the same provision should apply to school boards and their students.

TVDSB urges your immediate attention and action to evaluate the continuation of support for menstrual products in schools. Ensuring ongoing assistance beyond the current timeline is vital to safeguarding the well-being of students in Thames Valley and throughout Ontario.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Mai".

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