



March 15, 2017

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building — Room 281  
Queen' s Park  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Premier Wynne:

**Re: Support for Policy to Install AEDs in all Schools**

At its last regular meeting held on March 8, 2017, the Council the Municipality of Middlesex Centre enacted the following resolution:

WHEREAS Automated External Defibrillators are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest and have been proven to be life-saving during the waiting time period for emergency services;

AND WHEREAS for every minute a person in cardiac arrest goes without being successfully treated by defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 7 percent in the first, and decreases by 10 percent per minute as time advances past 3 minutes;

AND WHEREAS Andrew Stoddart, a 15 year old boy, passed away while playing soccer in Kintore, Ontario, an AED on site may have increased his odds of survival. Andrew's Legacy foundation has currently purchased 22 AEDs for across Oxford County, including all three elementary schools in Zorra Township;

AND WHEREAS Thames Valley District School Board has yet to put together a policy for having AED's in place in all, or any, of their public elementary and secondary schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Middlesex Centre requests that the Premier, and Minister of Education, develop a policy that enables all school boards in Ontario, including the Thames Valley District School Board, that allows individual elementary and secondary schools to have an AED installed in their schools; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Middlesex Centre request that the Thames Valley District School Board develop a policy to install AEDs in all schools in the Thames Valley District School Board as soon as possible for the safety of our children; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier, Minister of Education, AMO, Thames Valley District School Board; and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support.

Yours truly,

Stephanie Troyer-Boyd, AMCT  
Clerk

- c. Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Laura Elliott, Director, Thames Valley District School Board  
All Ontario Municipalities