

December 15, 2021

Colleen Russell-Rawlins
Director of Education
Toronto District School Board
5050 Yonge Street
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Dear Director Russell-Rawlins:

The Elementary Teachers of Toronto is writing about COVID-19, its variants, and the virus spread in our schools and community as we head into this holiday season. The Omicron variant will likely spread over the winter break, given the current trend.

We have made several requests to senior management about providing our members with the best possibility of defending against Covid 19. Some of these requests included, but is not limited to, smaller class sizes, antigen tests for every staff member, and improved PPE.

Specifically, N95 masks are of superior quality to the current PPE provided. Therefore, we continue to advocate and request that the N95 masks be provided to all staff who ask.

We ask that you expand the school board-based rapid testing program that will take place over the winter break to include all school staff. The Toronto District School Board must take every reasonable precaution regarding the Omicron variant to protect your workers.

We implore you to use this opportunity to exemplify that the TDSB prioritizes staff's health and safety.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need more information.

Regards,



Jennifer Brown
President

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