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PETITION

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Education has deemed Music an essential subject in elementary schools and the Ministry Arts Curriculum states that high-quality instruction is key to student success in Arts Education; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2010 Coalition for Music Education study, 58 per cent of all elementary schools in Ontario are without a qualified music teacher capable of teaching the Ministry Curriculum; and

WHEREAS, due to classroom capping and staffing cuts, school boards are unable to provide this essential subject with teachers who have the expertise to ensure student success; and

WHEREAS, protecting Music in elementary schools would ensure children benefit from the many positive aspects of this essential subject.

THEREFORE, we the undersigned call on the Minister of Education to declare Music in Ontario elementary schools a protected subject, thus ensuring teachers delivering the program are familiar with the elements of music, can read and interpret music and are able to communicate in a musical way.

Name (Printed)	Address (Printed)	Signature	Email address

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