

A SEPTEMBER UPDATE FROM

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LETTER FROM IQRA

Dear friends,

I hope you're doing well and staying safe. I've had a busy summer listening to residents and advocating for Mississauga-Erin Mills in our federal government.

Throughout this pandemic, many of you have spoken to me about the issues that matter most, such as Karina, who told me about the difficulty she faces finding safe childcare for her young children as she returns to work. Our Women's Caucus took on this issue and we successfully advocated for not only for childcare to be included in our Safe Restart Agreement, we secured immediate funding of \$625 million for childcare centres across Canada!

Thank you, because this could not have happened without your feedback and your advocacy. Our government is listening to Canadians and taking action to support our economic recovery and investing to keep you safe. In this September update, I have included some details on how these investments are supporting our community, as well as resources to help you in the months ahead.

This is a Team Canada effort, and I hope I can continue to count on your support and feedback to ensure Mississauga-Erin Mills, and ridings across our wonderful country, bounce back strong.

Sincerely,

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SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Mississauga has gradually reopened over the summer and that means many businesses have resumed operations. All establishments are required to follow safety measures to ensure patrons can physically distance, including outdoor gathering limits of 100 people and indoor gathering limits of 50 people. While this is good news, we must remember that the pandemic is not over.

As we return to work and school we must continue to follow the advice of public health experts. Please wear a mask when out in public, practice physical distancing, and stay home if you are feeling unwell. We are all responsible for the safety and well-being of our community.

Health Canada and Region of Peel have online resources available to help you stay safe over the coming months:

Peel Public Health:
[Peelregion.ca/coronavirus](https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus)

Health Canada:
[Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus)

Low Risk			
Getting mail and packages	Playing distanced sports outside	Camping	Grocery/retail shopping
Socially distant picnic	Running/hiking/biking at a distance	Going for a walk	Restaurant takeout
Outdoor parks and beaches	Backyard BBQ with your 'bubble'	Driving your car	
Medium Risk			
Playing on play structures	Outdoor restaurant/patio	School/camp/daycare	Hotel/BnB
Malls/museums/movie theatres	Medical/health appointments	Hair salon/barbershop	Taxi/ride shares
Weddings and funerals	Visiting elderly/at-risk people	Working in an office	Public pools
High Risk			
Large religious/cultural gatherings	Crowded indoor restaurant/buffet	Hugging, kissing, or shaking hands	Indoor party
Music concerts	Sexual activity with new people	Crowded public transportation	Amusement parks
Gyms and athletic studios	Sporting events in arenas and stadiums	Contact sports with shared equipment	Cruise ships and resorts
			Bars and nightclubs
			Casinos
			Conferences

INVESTING IN A SAFE REOPENING FOR CANADA

OUR \$19 BILLION SAFE RESTART AGREEMENT

Overcoming this pandemic is a Team Canada effort, and we are working with all levels of government to ensure our economy reopens safely, carefully, and prepared. Our Liberal government's **Safe Restart Agreement** is a **\$19 Billion commitment** to support the provinces and territories as the Canadian economy recovers. You told us what matters most, and your feedback helped our government set seven key priorities for this funding:

1. **Ensuring parents have access to safe and accessible childcare.**
2. **Securing PPE for workers and businesses.**
3. **Guaranteeing a minimum of 10 paid sick days for workers.**
4. **Improving testing and contact-tracing for COVID-19.**
5. **Supporting vital municipal services and safe public transit.**
6. **Providing better living conditions for seniors in longterm care facilities.**
7. **Investing in healthcare services such as mental health and homelessness.**



SUPPORTING A SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL

Facing this new school year, I know many parents in Erin Mills have expressed concerns about the safety of students and faculty. In the uncertainty of this pandemic, our schools should be properly prepared and equipped for the challenges ahead. Our Liberal government is listening, and we stepped in to help with the **Safe Return to Class Fund**.



2018 visit to Middlebury P.S.

This new fund is providing \$2 billion to support health and safety measures as our schools reopen. **For Ontario, we are delivering more than \$736 million** to provide **cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, better air ventilation in classrooms, hand sanitizing stations,** and other important measures.

We know education and schools are a provincial responsibility, which is why this funding will flow through regional governments to work with local school boards. We are taking action because we don't want to take any unnecessary risks for our children, our families, and hard-working teachers in our communities.

FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE PROJECTS

Our government is stepping in to provide additional resources for our communities through the new **COVID-19 Resilience stream**. This stream supports smaller-scale provincial and municipal projects that respond to COVID-19 with expanded eligibility for projects, flexible terms, and a faster approval process. We are doing our part to ensure Canadians are protected over the coming months and **committed over \$3 billion towards:**

Upgrades and retrofits to schools, hospitals, and Indigenous buildings

Measures to promote physical distancing and other COVID-19 response infrastructure

Parks, trails, bike paths, and other active transportation projects

Disaster mitigation and adaptation against flooding, fires, and more

We are providing **over \$1.1 billion to Ontario**, and I look forward to seeing this funding put to good use. For more information on how to access funding through the Province of Ontario, visit: Infrastructure.Canada.ca/plan/covid-19-resilience-eng

LOCAL INVESTMENTS FOR MISSISSAUGA-ERIN MILLS

- ✓ We made an **historic housing investment** in Peel Region: **\$276 million to create up to 2,240 rental units and shelter beds!**
- ✓ We have delivered over \$232,000 through the **Emergency Community Support Fund** to fund local organizations such as The Salvation Army Erin Mills, Eden Food for Change, and Ivan Franko Homes that are supporting residents in our riding throughout this pandemic.
- ✓ We provided funding through the **New Horizons for Seniors Program** to fantastic local groups including Feng Hua Seniors, Vedanta Cultural Foundation, and Unison Senior Organization to provide services for seniors in our community.
- ✓ We created **281 quality summer jobs** for youth in Erin Mills this summer through the **Canada Summer Jobs Program**.

EXPANDED SUPPORTS FOR CANADIANS

- ✓ In July, 6.5 million Canadian seniors received a one-time **boost of \$300 to their Old Age Security and \$200 to their Guaranteed Income Supplement**.
- ✓ We have **extended the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy** until November, and expanded eligibility to allow a wider range of businesses to access support. Over the last few months, our 75% wage subsidy has supported **over 281,000 Canadian employers and protected up to 3.1 million jobs**.
- ✓ This fall, we are delivering a **tax-free boost of up to \$600 for over 1 million Canadians receiving the Disability Tax Credit**.

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