

Sault Ste. Marie mayor blasts education minister Stephen Lecce ^[1]

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SUDBURY -- With less than two weeks until school resumes, Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Christian Provenzano called out Ontario's education minister, Stephen Lecce, on his claims that the province is doing everything it can to protect students.

The mayor took to Twitter on the weekend, blasting Lecce, saying in part that the funding being promised to help schools deal with the pandemic isn't enough to meet the demand for things like hiring more teachers or the necessary infrastructure.

 **Stephen Lecce**  @Sflece · Aug 29, 2020 
Personally toured and helped send off the last remaining shipment of PPE, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies so that *every* school in Ontario is fully stocked.

We will do whatever it takes to keep kids safe.



 **Mayor Provenzano**
@MayorProvenzano

You can pretend you are sending hand sanitizer as much as you like, but can't pretend you are doing 'whatever it takes to keep kids safe'. The first pretension is immaterial, the second has consequences. (Thread) (1 of 3)

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Provenzano's comments are in response to the minister saying he helped send off the last required personal protective equipment (PPE) to schools across the province.



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Replying to @MayorProvenzano and @Sflecce

In @CitySSM alone, the Public/Catholic boards need 60+ additional teachers. They collectively received funding for three additional teachers, no funding for the new tech infrastructure required, no funding to effectively reduce class sizes and/or ensure kids have more space. (2)



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There is very clearly a lot more you and @fordnation can do to make sure kids are safe. Until you do those things, you are in no position to say you will do 'whatever it takes'. I wish you were and you should but you are not. (3)

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