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RE: letter of support to the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) and their presentation to the Town of Tecumseh council meeting to bring awareness to their programs

To Whom It May Concern:

The YMCA of Southwestern Ontario would like to present this letter of support to the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) and their recommendations outlined in the 2018 Oral Health Report released this spring as well the data collected through the Oral Health school screening and other survey results reports.

As an organization, we assist thousands of Newcomers to Canada every year, our program is funded by IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada). Moving to a new country is a stressful experience on many levels, but when the right support is provided, Newcomers can effectively cope with their new life, feel belonged and achieve successfully their settlement goals. The YMCA of Southwestern Ontario is continuously looking to build strong and healthy communities through the spiritual, mental, and physical development of all.

We trust that the Oral Health program, provided by the WECHU, supports and encourages families to make the oral care a regular part of a family life. Moreover, it helps them make healthy choices in caring for their young children oral health, this is an essential and integral component of overall health throughout their life. For these reasons, we would like to support the Oral Health program at the WECHU which usually educates the newcomers who show a high need to accessible and usable health information provided through this program.

The YMCA of Southwestern Ontario is strongly supporting the WECHU and the Oral Health program which has as a key goal to improve and achieve oral health equity for all our Windsor Essex residents. We believe that the Oral Health program will help the Newcomers defeat some of the challenges that they could face when they move to Canada through the promotion of healthy habits, provision of public education and other screening and referral services.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Laure'.

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