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Karen Davies
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Dear Karen:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and encourage the Ministry to embrace and fund Algonquin College's vision for Renaissance Square. This is truly an exciting vision and one that the Pembroke Regional Hospital will benefit from for many years to come.

Our hospital has had a long standing partnership with Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley and now more than ever we need graduates of the College to support our employee recruitment needs. We have a growing number of staff, particularly nurses, who are nearing the age of retirement and with increased pressures on the health care sector driven by an aging population, having home grown nurses is critical.

We know that a large percentage of the nurses who work at our facility were trained by Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley. We also know that all health care organizations in Renfrew County rely on the College to produce the high quality graduates that are needed in today's evolving health care field.

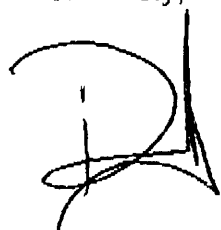
We see a new college campus in Pembroke's downtown as being a significant economic development driver for the entire region and we also believe it will assist our area with one of its primary concerns-physician recruitment and retention. We know that physician recruitment is aided by having a top notch higher education facility available within the community as many of the doctors we try to lure to our community have partners who are looking for professional opportunities, such as teaching at a college.

Finally, having a new college will bring new life to our community. It will attract more young people, it will help us keep our youth from leaving the area, and it will truly turn Pembroke into a "college town." We fully support this

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initiative and plead with the province of Ontario to endorse the vision for Renaissance Square by funding the building of a new Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Noel', with a stylized, cursive script.

Pierre Noel
President and CEO