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PETITION

TO the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas children with autism who have reached the age of 6 years are no longer being discharged from their preschool autism program;

And whereas these children should be getting the best Special Education possible in the form of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) within the school system;

And whereas there are approximately 700 preschool children with autism across Ontario who are required to wait indefinitely for placement in the program, and there are also countless school-age children that are not receiving the support they require in the school system.

And whereas this situation has a negative impact on the families, extended families, and friends of all of these children;

And whereas, as stated on the website for the Ministry of Children & Youth Services, "IBI can make a significant difference in the life of a child with autism. Its objective is to decrease the frequency of challenging behaviours, build social skills and promote language development";

WE the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to fund the treatment of IBI for all preschool children awaiting services. We also petition the Legislature of Ontario to fund an educational program in the form of ABA in the school system.

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