



FROST STUDENT ASSOCIATION

September 20, 2021

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter of support for the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation on behalf of the Frost Student Association, located in Haliburton and Lindsay, Ontario.

In 1967 the Haliburton Guild of Fine Arts ran a total of 6 autumn art courses in the village of Haliburton. At the same time the province of Ontario was designing the community college system. Through collaboration from these humble beginnings, the Haliburton Campus of Fleming College has grown to be known as a nationally recognized centre for arts education. Since then the Haliburton campus's offerings have expanded into specialised full-time certificate and diploma programs as well as a summer program with typically over 300 day or weeklong courses. With this breadth of disciplines and volume of students, classes are held on the Fleming College Haliburton campus as well as specialized locations within Haliburton County.

The Frost Student Association of Fleming College which operates at the Haliburton and Lindsay campus's, support the creation of an arts centre in Haliburton County. It is evident that arts and culture play a large role in attracting and retaining students. Many of the Haliburton School of Art + Design graduates make an effort to stay in, close to or return to the county, simply because of the rich density and diversity within the arts.

With a variety of arts organizations, groups and events in this growing community, we would all utilize an arts centre to the fullest, with plenty of potential collaborators, partnerships and connections. The possibilities are endless!

Kind Regards,

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