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**Subject:** Amendment to O.Reg 176/10

Dear Mr. Salvatori,

Bill 48, the *Safe and Supportive Classrooms Act, 2019*, included amendments to the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996*, requiring applicants for registration with the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) to successfully complete a mathematics proficiency test. These amendments came into force on September 1, 2019.

Consequential to these new legislative requirements, on September 1, 2019, two regulations came into force: Ontario Regulation 271/19 (Proficiency in Mathematics), under the OCTA, and Ontario Regulation 272/19 (Objects of the Office) under the *Education Quality and Accountability Office Act, 1996*.

Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 271/19, applicants seeking to become registered with the OCT will be required to successfully complete a mathematics proficiency test if their application for registration is completed on or after March 31, 2020.

Given this new registration requirement, the Ministry of Education would like the Council of the OCT to consider amending Ontario Regulation 176/10 (Teachers' Qualifications) to provide that a member's certificate of qualification and registration shall indicate that a member has successfully completed the math proficiency test. The notation would highlight the commitment to public accountability and high standards of teaching excellence. As is the normal course of practice, the Council may choose to review O. Reg. 176/10 and consider amendments to that regulation to help ensure that it aligns with requirements set out under the OCTA and O. Reg. 271/19.

I thank you for your ongoing collaboration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any assistance to you.

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