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The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Lecce,

We would like to congratulate you on behalf of the Council, members and staff of the Ontario College of Teachers, on your appointment as Minister of Education. We wish you the best and, as the regulator for the teaching profession, we look forward to working with you to carrying out the College's mandate to serve and protect the public interest, at the heart of which is the protection of students.

As you settle into your new role, we would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you as soon as possible, to share with you a number of significant issues, including governance changes approved by the College's Council resulting from an extensive governance review carried out by an external consultant. Many of the recommendations are now enabled in the Ontario College of Teachers Act as recently amended by the passage of Bill 48, the Safe and Supportive Classrooms Act, 2019. However, some recommendations require Act amendments in order to implement efficient and effective governance structures and a timely transition to support the College's mandate working in the interests of both the teaching profession and in the public interest.

The College also has an obligation to meet annually with the Minister of Education. We will be sending you an invitation for you to address Council in the near future and would be pleased if you could attend as your schedule permits.

We look forward to meeting with you as soon as your schedule permits in order to address issues of mutual interest. Please have your scheduler contact Richard Lewko, Director of Corporate and Council Services, at 416-961-8800, extension 615 to discuss your availability.

Once again, Minister, we offer you our sincere congratulations on your appointment. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Nicole van Woudenberg, OCT
Chair of Council



Michael Salvatori, OCT
Chief Executive Officer and Registrar