



April 15, 2021

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
438 University Avenue, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2A5

Dear Minister Lecce,

I am writing to follow up on the Ontario College of Teachers' request that was sent to you in a letter on May 11, 2020.

As you know, the College regularly undertakes qualitative research with its members and the public to better understand the information needs of education stakeholders. The College also meets with employer and parent groups. In addition, we attend community events to better engage with parents and members of the public. In response to requests from parents for access to information on the College's role and mandate, Council approved the following motion that recommends a change to Ontario's Education Act:

That Council recommend to the Minister of Education that the Education Act be amended to require all district school boards, school authorities, private schools and the Provincial Schools Authority to provide information regarding the role and mandate of the Ontario College of Teachers to parents/guardians at the start of each school year, or when students register mid-year.

As the regulating body for teachers in the province, we want to ensure Ontario school boards and families are aware of the role we play to support students.

Ideally, school boards would include share the following resources, by posting information on their websites and by distributing it electronically or in print with students' families:

- [How We Support Ontario Students brochure](#)
- [Who Does What in Education? brochure](#)
- [Dedicated web page for parents](#)
- [Website link for parents to sign up for our free public newsletter – *The Standard*](#)
- [YouTube channel](#)

The College is proud to work alongside the Ministry of Education and all education partners to ensure we collectively create safe and welcoming schools where over 2 million students across the province can learn and grow.

I value our partnership and appreciate your help with this request. Thank you for your time and please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Derek Haime". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue dot for the period in "Haime".

Dr. Derek Haime, OCT
Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

Copy: Paul Boniferro, Transition Supervisory Officer

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