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Mr. Paul Boniferro

Toronto, ON [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Boniferro,

Paul - thank you for your strong & steady leadership & commitment to transforming the OCT.

I would like to extend to you my sincere appreciation for providing exemplary leadership in your role as the Transition Supervisory Officer for the Ontario College of Teachers (College) from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022.

Under your leadership, the College has undergone significant transformation and is now a model of modern, competency-based governance that will enable effective regulation of the teaching profession in Ontario to better serve and protect the public interest. Given that this all came together in the space of one year is a remarkable testament to your and the College's dedication and commitment to this important work.

In addition, I would like to recognize the tremendous support you have given our government during this challenging year. Under your leadership, the College was instrumental in addressing pandemic-induced teacher supply issues by providing certification, including temporary teacher certificates, to hundreds of teachers and teacher candidates to work in our schools and gain invaluable teaching experience. This, and your proactive action in bringing forward new protections for students by requiring sexual abuse prevention training and by publicly posting criminal charges and convictions will greatly enhance transparency and increase public trust in Ontario's teaching profession.

The investment you made to Ontario's teachers was especially reinforced with the introduction of protected titles for all members of the profession in good standing. These new titles recognize the outstanding achievements of Ontario's teachers and bring clarity and increased protections to both the public and the profession.

Through these numerous achievements, you have demonstrated your willingness to give your time and talents as an executive leader and an advisor to me during the College's transition period.

Allow me to thank you again for your valued contributions to the Ontario College of Teachers and to the education sector of Ontario. I wish you every success in your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Lecce', written in a cursive style.

Hon. Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education

- c. Dr. Derek Haime
Registrar and Chief Executive Officer, Ontario College of Teachers