



Ontario's Teaching Regulator
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The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
438 University Avenue, 5th Floor
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Dear Minister Lecce,

We are writing to you regarding the Ontario Human Rights Commission's *Right to Read Inquiry Report* released on February 28, 2022. The College had an opportunity to provide preliminary feedback in response to the draft report. We are carefully considering the recommendations in the report, especially those that are relevant to our mandate as Ontario's teaching regulator.

The College continues to be committed to ensuring that literacy is a critical component of initial teacher education programs as well additional qualification programs. A key accreditation requirement for Ontario's initial teacher education programs is the expectation that they provide teacher candidates with instructional knowledge of curriculum, including reading and literacy, as set by the Government of Ontario.

We look forward to working with the Ministry of Education and Faculties of Education in implementing strategies identified in the report that enhance the preparation of teachers to deliver literacy instruction to students.

Sincerely,

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Chair of Council

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