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Dear Chair:

As you know, our 34-credit cap was recently announced in the proposed 2012 Budget. There are a lot of misconceptions about what this means, so we have created the attached “frequently asked questions” document.

We encourage you to please share this FAQ as widely as you can – such as posting it on your website, sharing it on social media, and sharing it with your high schools, parent councils, and students. We hope this helps to clarify many of the questions you are receiving from parents and students.

There are a few items we wanted to highlight:

- Boards should not charge students a fee for any of their credits,
- Students can still take more than 34 credits, but school boards will be funded at a lower rate for the 35<sup>th</sup> credit and beyond.

We recognize that students learn at different rates. That’s why we’ll make sure there are reasonable exemptions and discuss with school boards what these might include.

If there are additional questions you are receiving from students, parents or teachers, please do share them with my senior communications advisor, Paris Meilleur at [paris.meilleur@ontario.ca](mailto:paris.meilleur@ontario.ca) so that we can add to the FAQ.

Please also share with your trustees.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laurel Broten'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurel Broten  
Minister of Education

c: Directors of Education  
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