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Dear Colleague,

Each year, we look forward to Education Week in Ontario (May 4-8). I am delighted to announce this year's theme, ***Achieving Excellence: Moving Forward in Math.***

Education Week is a time for celebration. It is a time to recognize the excellent work that happens in our schools each and every day. It is also a collective salute to every educator, administrator, support staff employee, educational assistant, early childhood educator and student that make our publicly funded education system the envy of the world.

We truly have a world-class education system, with world-class people, who make it all possible. Without question, we can attribute this success to our shared commitments and common goals for Ontario's students.

For this year's Education Week, we want to highlight one of our top priorities: math. Overall, we have a lot to be proud of in terms of student achievement. But we need to raise the bar in math. That is why we continue to provide math supports for teachers and students, such as the Mathematics Action Plan.

A focus on mathematics is also part of [\*Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario.\*](#) This forward-looking document embodies the collective aspirations of our sector, which is to ensure all students get the knowledge and skills they need to learn, grow and thrive as engaged citizens.

As we work together to implement this renewed vision, I want to thank you for your dedication, hard work, and commitment to education in Ontario. I value our partnership, and I know it is essential to our continued success.

I firmly believe that all students have the right to a brighter future, and all students deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential and pursue their lifelong dreams. If we remain committed to these shared ideals, I know we will succeed in taking Ontario to even greater heights.

I wish you great success for your Education Week activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Sandals". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Liz Sandals  
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