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Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to announce that Ontario has appointed two new expert advisors to help transform the province's publicly funded education system. The new advisors will provide counsel to the Premier, the Minister of Education, the Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care and the Ministry of Education on topics including equity and Indigenous education. They are:

- [Dr. Carl James](#), Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community and Diaspora, Faculty of Education, York University
- [Kahontakwas Diane Longboat](#), Senior Project Manager, Guiding Directions Implementation, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; ceremonial leader, educator, teacher of Indigenous spiritual ways and healer

In addition, the current advisors have been reappointed for an 18-month term:

- [Dr. Carol Campbell](#), Associate Professor, Leadership and Educational Change, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto
- [Dr. Jean Clinton](#), Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster, division of child psychiatry
- [Dr. Michael Fullan](#), OC, Professor Emeritus and former Dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto
- [Dr. Andy Hargreaves](#), Thomas More Brennan Chair in the Lynch School of Education at Boston College

All six advisors are recognized internationally for their research and leadership in public education. They will engage with stakeholders and work in partnership with us to fulfil the goals outlined in [Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario](#).

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As you know, by working together we have made considerable progress since the launch of Ontario's renewed vision for education in 2014. To continue that work, I have asked our advisors to challenge existing norms, create opportunities for new kinds of thinking and engage in innovative conversations.

I look forward to working with Dr. Carl James and Kahontakwas Diane Longboat and continuing our partnership with the returning advisors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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