



Happy Holidays



Dear colleagues,

The holiday season is here again. It's a time to celebrate with friends and family, but also to reflect on the year gone by.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your commitment and dedication to supporting Ontario's students. Throughout the year, your hard work and passion inside and outside the classroom have made a difference in the lives of students and helped bring together local communities. I extend my gratitude not just as Minister of Education, but also as a mother and an Ontarian who knows your work is essential to strengthening this great province.


2011 was another banner year for public education. We expanded full-day kindergarten, increased achievement in grades 3, 6 and 9, and saw more students graduating from high school. As a result, our students are ranked among the best in the world. That is something we can all be proud of.

I have only just begun my work as Minister of Education, but already I have seen first hand the depth of talent we have in our schools and school boards. As 2011 draws to a close, I want to thank you deeply for all you've done for Ontario's students.

With 2012 just around the corner, I look forward to working with you in the busy year ahead as we tackle the critical issue of bullying and strive to keep increasing student achievement. We need to foster safe and inclusive schools where all students can learn and succeed.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy some well-deserved downtime with friends and family during the upcoming break.

Happy holidays, and best wishes for the new year.



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