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Dear colleague,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate on a new Provincial Committee on Ministry Initiatives.

The English-Language Education Provincial Committee on Ministry Initiatives is an important means to make progress on the shared commitment in *Achieving Excellence* that “educators will be supported in learning continuously and be recognized as among the best in the world.” Further, this committee honours provisions in several recent central agreements.

A similar French-Language Education Provincial Committee on Ministry Initiatives will also meet to discuss initiatives and issues unique to the French-language education sector.

While having a distinct role from the work of the Transformation Team on Collaborative Professionalism and Leadership which is advising on a new Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) on Collaborative Professionalism and Leadership, it is hoped that this table will become the first one that is reflective of the renewed vision for education.

The purpose of the English-Language Provincial Committee on Ministry Initiatives is to discuss initiatives on an ongoing basis. This committee will also help shape the hiatus period. Together, we believe the Transformation Table on Collaborative Professionalism and Leadership, both the English-Language and French-Language Provincial Committees on Ministry Initiatives, as well as the management of this hiatus period will herald a new era of educational leadership that will help achieve Ontario's renewed vision.

This committee will support deeper implementation of Ontario's renewed vision and the shared commitment to improving responsiveness to system needs. To achieve this, we will work collaboratively to improve coherence in the work planned at the ministry and board levels. It is partnership and the pursuit of common goals that bring us together and improve outcomes for all learners across the province.

We ask that you select one representative who will be able to attend regular meetings, review materials and provide advice on behalf of your organization in a team environment.

Please note that the Minister of Education will send a separate invitation for members of the Transformation Team on Collaborative Professionalism and Leadership.

We are planning for an initial meeting in January 2016. We anticipate that the committee may meet on a monthly basis for the first half of 2016. The committee would meet on a quarterly basis beyond the 2015-2016 school year.

Please send the name and contact information of the representative who will attend the meetings to Marla Hume (marla.hume@ontario.ca) by December 21, 2015.

Strong relationships and partnerships are fundamental to ensuring that Ontario's publicly funded early years and education system remains among the best in the world. We look forward to working together to strengthen the conditions for a high-quality education profession that supports excellence and well-being for all learners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Zegarac". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

George Zegarac
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