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Dear Members of the Accepting Schools Expert Panel,

I wish to express a sincere thank you for your time on the Accepting Schools Expert Panel and the considerable expertise that you have all shared with the Ministry over the past several years. The Ministry staff have been fortunate to learn from each of you. The conversations you have engaged in have provided the Ministry with a deeper understanding of what is needed to support the development and implementation of safe and accepting schools initiatives.

The insightful reflections and key advice outlined in your End of Mandate Report will undoubtedly have a meaningful impact on student safety and well-being. We recognize that there is still work to be done to support the diverse needs of students, in particular, our most vulnerable students. We will continue to collaborate across the ministry and with other government partners and education stakeholders to remove the systemic barriers that may impact the achievement and well-being of all students.

The ministry released [Ontario's Well-Being Strategy for Education: Promoting Well-Being in Ontario's Education System](#) and has initiated a province-wide discussion to deepen our understanding of well-being in schools and how to support it. I would encourage you to take the time to provide us with your input on student well-being on our web portal. It can be accessed at ontario.ca/studentwellbeing.

Together, we can continue to make a difference in our school communities through our collective commitment to improving the health, safety and well-being of students in Ontario.

Sincerely,

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