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**RE: 2015 Programme for International Student Assessment Results**

Dear colleagues,

Earlier this week, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) announced the results from the [2015 Programme for International Student Assessment \(PISA\)](#).

Ontario students outperformed the vast majority of countries that participated, and I am pleased that no jurisdiction outperformed Ontario students in reading. This is a testament to the dedication, hard work and leadership of our province's educators, staff and administration.

While Ontario students are still among the top PISA performers in science and reading, we know there is more work to do – especially in mathematics. That is why earlier this year Ontario launched the Renewed Math Strategy to help more students achieve success — now and in the future.

We have a lot to celebrate in education, and I remain committed to working with you and all of our partners to ensure that all students have the supports they need to succeed.

Thank you for all that you do to help our students reach their full potential. It is thanks to your strong leadership that our education system has scaled such tremendous heights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MH", written in a cursive style.

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