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To: Board Chairs and Partnership Table members:

A number of changes are taking place in the Minister's Office at the Ministry of Education that I would like to share with you.

It's with mixed emotions that we are saying goodbye to Gillian Steeve, who has been a Policy Advisor with us for over a year now. She is moving on to an excellent opportunity within the Ontario Public Service. This week, she is starting in her new role as a Senior Policy Advisor with the Ministry of Health Promotion.

Although Gillian is leaving us, I'm very excited to be welcoming two new staff members to our office. Both individuals come to us with a number of years experience at Queen's Park.

Pierre Cyr has joined our team as a Policy Advisor. He will be working very closely with the French-Language Education and Educational Operations Division. He will take on a number of files related to French-language education, French school boards, ESL/FSL, special education, adult education and TFO/TVO, among other things.

Since June 2008, Pierre has worked as the Director of Outreach in the Office of George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure. He also previously worked as Director of Public Appointments for the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and Special Assistant for Jean-Marc Lalonde, MPP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. Pierre also worked for many years at the House of Commons in Ottawa.

Tanya Dunbar has also joined our team. Tanya has served as the Executive Assistant to Parliamentary Assistants in three different ministries: Labour, Community Safety and Correctional Services, and Revenue. Before working at Queen's Park, Tanya worked as a Council Executive Assistant at the City of Vaughan. She also has masters degrees from the London School of Economics and York University.

Tanya is working primarily with the Strategic Planning/Elementary and Secondary Programs Division. Her focus is on student success, learning to 18, student engagement and arts and technology education, along with other things.

Both Pierre and Tanya look forward to working with all of us as we continue to build the best publicly funded education system in the world.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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