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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Education Partnership Table  
Directors of Education  
Director, Provincial Schools Branch

**FROM:** George Zegarac  
Deputy Minister

**DATE:** February 6, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Assistant Deputy Minister Barry Pervin

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I am both sad and pleased to announce that Assistant Deputy Minister Barry Pervin will be retiring from the OPS after 36 years of dedicated service on March 31, 2014. I know that Barry plans to pursue some exciting new adventures in his retirement, but he will be greatly missed by his colleagues in the ministry and across the OPS.

Barry's unfailing professionalism and integrity have earned him respect across government as well as within the education sector. Speaking as a former colleague as well as his current deputy, I can say that his wisdom, sound advice and unwavering support for colleagues and staff will be truly missed. And his collegial manner and collaborative approach have made him a pleasure to work with over the years.

Barry joined the Ministry of Education in 2001 as Director of the Leadership Development Branch, and in 2007 he became Assistant Deputy Minister of what is now the Leadership & Learning Environment Division. Under his leadership, significant accomplishments were achieved in collaboration with colleagues and educators, including the introduction of numerous pieces of education legislation and regulations on topics including safe and accepting schools, healthy schools, teacher qualifications, teacher discipline, concussions, school board governance, and teacher performance appraisal.

Among other accomplishments, Barry led numerous policy reforms such as the Ontario leadership strategy, equity and inclusive education, improved parent engagement, and an overhaul of initial teacher education — to name a few. In addition, he has been the ministry lead for the poverty reduction strategy, healthy kids strategy, and community use of schools initiative.

Marg Connor, Director, Safe Schools & Student Well-Being Branch, will serve as Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of the Leadership & Learning Environment Division for the next while. I would like to express my appreciation to Marg for her willingness to serve in this capacity while a competition is underway to fill this position on a permanent basis.

Please join me in wishing Barry all the best as he embarks on his new endeavours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Zegarac". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

George Zegarac  
Deputy Minister