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Dear Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Chair,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the start of a new term as SEAC chair and personally thank you and the members of your District School Board (DSB) SEAC for your commitment and contribution to improving services and programs for students with special education needs.

SEACs fulfill a vital function in providing advice to boards. The collaborative role that boards, parents and stakeholders play as partners in education experiences are necessary to effectively meet the needs of students across the province who receive special education programs and services in Ontario's publicly funded schools.

As you begin your term, an opportunity to participate in training, especially for new members of your DSB SEAC, will be provided. The Ministry of Education has developed a SEAC website that provides information for members, including a section on links and resources to DSB SEAC developed training and orientation resources. You may find this useful, along with other information posted on [this website](#). Updates are made regularly to this site and we would welcome any DSB resources that are not currently included. Please contact Steven Venner at [Steven.Venner@ontario.ca](mailto:Steven.Venner@ontario.ca) to have them linked to our site.

As stated in [Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario](#), we continue to be committed to the success and well-being of every student and child, including those with special education needs. Together, we will continue to achieve excellence, ensure equity, promote well-being and enhance public confidence in Ontario's education system for all students. Thank you for your ongoing support in achieving excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Sandals', written in a cursive style.

Liz Sandals  
Minister

c: Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE)