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Dear colleagues,

As the 2008/09 school year draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work this year.

Every day you make a difference in the lives of our young people — and they will remember you for it. Your leadership and commitment, and the caring and individualized attention you provide to your students will help them reach their full potential.

Thanks for your patience and commitment. The students in your schools today will become tomorrow's active and engaged citizens; they will lead our province and our country into the future.

In Ontario, we are committed to building an education system that is second to none. We are building an education system for our students, for this province, and for the world. We will succeed because of you.

While we continue to face new challenges, we have already demonstrated what we can achieve by working together. Class sizes are smaller, student achievement is on the rise and more students are graduating from high school. These are clear signals that we are heading in the right direction.

And the world is taking notice — thanks to the work you are doing in our schools and boards. We regularly have visitors from other countries who are here to learn about what we are doing to improve education in Ontario.

Thank you for your dedication, intelligence and your commitment to Ontario's students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

Kathleen Wynne  
Minister of Education