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Dear Colleague,

Each year, we look forward to Education Week in Ontario, and I am delighted to announce that this year's theme is ***Achieving Excellence: Promoting Well-Being***.

Education Week takes place May 2-6, and it is the perfect opportunity to recognize the commitment and dedication of everyone who works so hard every day.

Let's celebrate the contributions of every educator, administrator, support staff employee, educational assistant, early childhood educator — and of course students and their parents. It is thanks to their wholehearted efforts that Ontario schools can be proud of their international reputation for excellence.

Over the past decade, we have seen growing evidence recognizing the fundamental importance of well-being to our learners and their future. This is why we elevated "promoting well-being" to become one of our four core priorities in [our renewed vision](#) for education in Ontario.

Ontario is committed to helping students build on the knowledge and skills associated with positive well-being so they will become economically productive and actively engaged citizens.

We know that positive relationships with learners and educators are essential for learning and achievement, now and in the future. A healthy, safe, accepting, caring and inclusive learning environment is critical for student achievement and well-being. Thank you for your leadership, dedication, hard work and commitment to these goals.

Our shared objective is to continue providing all learners with the supports they need to develop their cognitive, emotional, social and physical potential, and I know that through your ongoing efforts the future is bright.

I look forward to hearing about how your schools will be celebrating Education Week, and I wish you great success with all your activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Sandals". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Liz Sandals
Minister