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Dear Colleagues,

Each year during the first week of May, Ontario schools celebrate Education Week. It's a great time to recognize the amazing things happening in Ontario's education sector, with a different theme every year.

This year, I am so pleased to share with you that our theme for 2018 is *Equity in Action!*

This year Education Week falls between **May 7-11, 2018**. This is an opportunity to highlight what schools are doing, share our successes and learn from each other. It is also a good time to acknowledge equity champions in your classrooms and schools. I encourage you to take the time to recognize the contributions of students, parents, teachers and education workers to promote and ensure equity at the local level across Ontario. Consider sharing your equity activities with your Regional Equity Network. The equity networks support school boards and communities as they work towards their goals of equitable and inclusive education.

I know that Ontario schools have been making great strides in promoting equity and working to ensure that everyone in our publicly funded education system feels engaged and included, regardless of background or personal circumstances. And I know that work continues.

Let's celebrate bringing the Equity Action Plan to life, and the great work that has been ongoing in boards over the past several years.

We want to know what **you** are doing to celebrate! I encourage you and your schools to share your *Equity in Action* activities on Twitter using #EdWeekON2018.

Thank you for all that you do to ensure that equity and diversity are supported in Ontario schools. And thank you for the support you provide to all Ontario students to help them feel empowered and successful.

I wish you all the best for a successful and inspirational *Equity in Action* Education Week for 2018!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Indira Naidoo-Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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c: Regional Office Equity Leads