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Dear Chair,

I am writing to inform you about the next steps that the province is taking as part of our plan to invest \$11 billion over the next ten years to build better places for students to learn.

We know that safe and modern learning environments are a critical part of student achievement and well-being. Since 2003, Ontario has invested \$12.9 billion in school infrastructure, including nearly 725 new schools and more than 700 additions and renovations.

The Capital Priorities Grant funding program is the primary means for funding major capital projects required by school boards to address their most urgent and pressing capital needs. The attached Memorandum **2015:B12**, provides information about the 2015 Capital Priorities Grant program and encourages school boards to submit business case requests to the ministry for review no later than **July 15, 2015**, with approvals expected in the fall of 2015.

Also, as originally announced on April 29, 2015, the government is providing \$120 million to build child care spaces in schools over the next three years where there is significant demand. This investment is another step toward achieving a seamless and integrated early years system in Ontario. Increasing child care spaces in local schools is also an important component of the government's commitment to community hubs. You can find more information about eligibility and submission requirements in the attached Memorandum **2015:B11**.

Once again, I appreciate the support of your board and colleagues across Ontario. Together, we are modernizing our education system and ensuring that our investments remain focused on improving student achievement and well-being, as well as developing a modernized child care and early years system to enhance programs and supports for Ontario's children.

I look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Sandals". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Liz Sandals  
Minister

**Attachments**

- c. Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario
- Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques
- Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
- Ontario Public School Boards' Association