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To all Chairs, Directors and Partnership Table members

Dear Education Partners,

As you know from my letter of November 14, 2008, Deputy Minister Steve Marshall is away from the office for the foreseeable future while he deals with a serious illness. Steve and his wife Karyn have decided to return home to Australia for Steve to undertake treatment and be close to family and friends.

I know we are all wishing him the best and keeping him in our thoughts. And I am happy to report that his spirits remain high and that he has family and friends around to support him.

You all know that education is a key priority for this government, and that we have ambitious targets that I am committed to achieving. So I'm very happy to tell you that former Deputy Minister Ben Levin has agreed to return to as Deputy Minister on an interim basis.

Many of you know Ben well, and will remember his considerable talent, energy, enthusiasm and leadership. Ben's first day back in the ministry will be December 15.

I want to thank George Zegarac for agreeing to serve as Acting Deputy Minister in the interim. George will continue to act until Ben's return to the ministry on December 15.

I also want to thank you for your understanding during a difficult time, and for your continued work towards giving Ontario's students the best education system in the world.

Sincerely,

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

Kathleen Wynne  
Minister of Education