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Dear Colleague,

During the government's rural and Northern education engagement earlier this spring, we heard from many communities that there is a need to strengthen the pupil accommodation review process for all school boards and to better encourage joint responsibility for integrated community planning across Ontario.

The feedback received during the spring engagement was central to the development of our [Plan to Strengthen Rural and Northern Education](#). As part of the plan, the ministry committed to revising its Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) and Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline (CPPG).

I would like to invite you, or a designate from your organization, to participate as a member of the Minister's Reference Group on Community and Education Planning and Partnerships to help the ministry deliver on its commitments to revising these guidelines.

The mandate of the Reference Group will be to advise the ministry on effective ways to improve co-ordination of community infrastructure planning from a public education perspective. The attached terms of reference document provides more details.

The first meeting of the Reference Group will be held in Toronto on November 20th at 900 Bay Street, Mowat Block in boardroom 2124 (located on the 21st floor) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00pm. A second meeting will be held in early 2018.

Supporting information about Ministry of Education and other relevant government initiatives (including community hubs and integrated local planning) will also be provided to Reference Group members in advance of scheduled meetings.

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Please confirm your attendance at this session by emailing Sumita Kanga at Sumita.Kanga@ontario.ca by Friday, November 10th.

I look forward to meeting with you during this session and hearing your thoughts on these important issues. Your input is invaluable to this effort, as we build on our work to support students and communities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH' with a stylized flourish.

Mitzie Hunter, MBA
Minister