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Dear Chairs,

As Ontario begins the work to refresh curriculum and continues to focus on excellence, equity, well-being and confidence in our publicly funded education system, it is necessary to review Ontario's assessment approaches at the classroom, school, board, provincial (i.e. EQAO), national and international levels.

As the Education Advisors to the Premier and Minister of Education, Dr. Jean Clinton, Dr. Michael Fullan, Dr. Andy Hargreaves, Dr. Carl James, Kahontakwas Diane Longboat, and I have been asked to conduct an independent review of education assessment in Ontario.

Through the consultation process our intention is to stimulate conversations to inform potential recommendations concerning future assessment and reporting practices in Ontario. Some of the questions we are asking include:

- What information about student learning do students, parents/caregivers, educators and the public need?
- What have we learned since Ontario started large scale student assessment more than 20 years ago?
- What changes should we make to ensure that any assessment we do helps to improve student learning?

A discussion paper will help guide our conversations with you, parents/caregivers, school board and school leaders, teachers, students and community groups over the next couple of months.

Regional engagement sessions are planned across the province to engage a range of people with diverse perspectives. In each location, there will be an afternoon session targeted for area school boards and an evening session primarily for parents/caregivers and the public/broader community. There will be an opportunity for attendees to participate in English or French in all locations, however in Sudbury and Toronto, we will have French sessions separately.

City	Date
Ottawa	Wednesday, November 22
Barrie	Monday, November 27

City	Date
Sudbury (English and French)	Thursday, November 30
Windsor	Monday, December 4
Hamilton	Tuesday, December 5
Toronto (English and French)	Friday, December 8
Thunder Bay	Tuesday, December 12

Each school board in a region has been asked to identify up to 12 representatives for the afternoon session nearest them. The evening session will provide an additional opportunity for any interested individuals to participate.

More details about both afternoon and evening sessions, including registration information, will be shared with you by November 15th.

In addition to the regional consultations, there will be an opportunity to participate via online submissions. We will email you again as soon as our website and discussion paper are available.

The input we gather directly from parents/caregivers, students, educators, officials and the broader community will be used along with a review of the current model of assessment and reporting and research on provincial, national and international best practices to develop actionable recommendations for improvement.

We are committed to keeping you updated throughout the process. If you have any questions, please email educationassessment@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carol Campbell

And on behalf of

Dr. Jean Clinton, Dr. Michael Fullan, Dr. Andy Hargreaves, Dr. Carl James and Kahontakwas Diane Longboat

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