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April 13, 2010

Ms. Corinne Wolsey
President
The Ontario Federation of Home
and School Associations, Inc.
51 Stuart Street
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Dear Ms. Wolsey,

Thank you for your letter highlighting the work of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA). I am aware of OFHSA's role in supporting student achievement, and its commitment to making the education system even better. Thank you also for welcoming me to my new role as Minister of Education.

Parents are vital partners in education. This ministry continues to work to strengthen parent involvement in Ontario. With the Royal Assent of Bill 177, we are moving forward with plans to propose a regulation that requires every board in the province to have a Parent Involvement Committee (PIC). As you know, consultations are underway with parent representatives and other partners in the education system on the proposed regulation. I understand you participated in a consultation on March 17, and that you will provide ministry staff with further comments. Your suggestions will be taken into consideration.

Thank you for your organization's input to our consultations on the draft Parent Engagement Policy and the proposed regulation for PICs. I welcome any further comments, and appreciate OFHSA's ongoing commitment to parent engagement. I look forward to meeting OFHSA's representative at the upcoming meeting of the Partnership Table.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leona Dombrowsky".

Leona Dombrowsky
Minister of Education