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The Honourable Mitzie Hunter
Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Hunter:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA), I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Education. Your considerable breadth of experience across many facets of public service will be of great benefit in cultivating increased confidence in publicly funded education in Ontario.

OFHSA has been advocating for students in public education and supporting parent engagement in schools for 100 years. Ours is a unique organization that provides a credible voice for members at the school, school board and provincial levels in the education system. We look forward to working with you and members of your Ministry as we all strive to obtain "**The Best for Each Student**".

OFHSA is proud to be included at the Partnership Table, on the Curriculum Advisory Committee and other initiatives at the provincial level. We look forward to continued partnerships at Ministry working tables that include education supporters from all perspectives of the education system.

Members of OFHSA gather each spring to hold their Annual Meeting and vote on new policy statements. At the direction of the membership, these policies are then presented to the Minister of Education for consideration and action. This year our members unanimously adopted the policy *'that there be a Life and Livelihood Skills curriculum course offered for all elementary school students in Ontario'*. Members also voted to enhance a policy on Canadian Aboriginals in Ontario (1968) to include *'the History of Residential Schools'*. An outline of the policies adopted at the last three Annual Meetings is included with this correspondence.

We welcome the opportunity for our executive members to meet with you to discuss our newest policies and our shared beliefs and goals for the future of public education in this province.

We wish you continued success with *'Achieving Excellence'* across the education system. Integrating child care and Indigenous history while supporting mental health strategies and enhancing teacher education programming will allow for students to embrace the challenges of the future successfully!

We look forward to hearing from you and finding a date that is suitable for us to meet.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Binns
President