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Hello everyone,

I know that you are all very busy with the activities and celebrations that define the month of June. It is a lovely, but extremely hectic time of year!

This is just a brief note to thank you very much for all that you do all year. Whether you are a caretaker or an education assistant, a trustee or school council member, a teacher or a supervisory officer, a parent, or a principal or vice-principal, you are an integral part of our schools. I am writing to recognize the contributions of everyone who made the 2006/07 school year such a success.

We have had another year full of exciting changes, significant student achievement, and increased investment in our publicly funded education system. I am proud of our government’s investment and our efforts to reach every student. I also know it is your investment of time and talent every day that makes a real difference to our students and schools.

Our students benefit every day from your dedication, energy, and enthusiasm. Over the past year, some of you have helped with the work of teaching children how to read, write, and do math. You have built strong relationships with parents and communities. You have helped keep our schools clean, safe, and healthy. You have encouraged your students to discover more about the world around them and helped them develop many of the essential skills that will give them a brighter future.

There are so many signs of positive change throughout our schools, including smaller primary class sizes, rising student achievement, and more students graduating from secondary school. The attention and support that you are giving to students is yielding these results.

The successes we are seeing are evidence of what can be achieved when we work together in partnership. I believe this renewed partnership is one of the most significant changes of the last few years. Together, we have rekindled the natural partnership between the government, which is responsible for the province’s publicly funded school system, and the education sector, which is responsible for every student in that system. This relationship is critical to the success of Ontario students.
As we look toward the summer break, please let me offer you my most heartfelt thanks for sharing your expertise, support, and enthusiasm with our students. Thank you for working in partnership with me and everyone at the Ministry of Education to build public confidence and pride in our schools.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne
Minister of Education