To further support our collective interest in promoting well-being as outlined in *Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario*, we are pleased to provide you with information on the Ministry of Education’s 2014-15 Support and Monitoring Plan for Safe and Healthy Schools.

I am also pleased to provide you with a copy of the School Board Summary Report for the 2013-14 Healthy Schools visits that summarizes our discussions and observations. I encourage you to review the report for ideas and inspiration from some of the promising and effective practices that we saw at work in school boards and schools across the province. We would like to thank the 17 school boards we visited for the thoughtful insight they provided.

In response to advice we have received from school boards and in an effort to promote greater alignment and integration, we have consolidated our Support and Monitoring Plans into one that will focus on school and board activity related to safe, accepting and healthy schools.

Our 2014-15 Plan includes the following:

- Site Visits: Ministry staff will be visiting 16-18 school boards to identify successes and barriers, and to discuss implementation of ministry policies and programs related to safe, accepting and healthy schools. Visits will occur before April 2015.

- Adobe Connect webinars: We are also continuing our popular Adobe Connect webinars for school board leaders and have scheduled three sessions. Details will be sent to the school board lead for healthy schools and safe schools prior to each session.
  - January 28/29, 2015 on Increasing Physical Activity;
  - March 25/26, 2015 (Safe Schools topic to be determined); and,
  - April 29/30, 2015 (topic to be determined).
E-Bulletin, Focus on Healthy Schools: Like last year, we will release two editions, focused on current research, ministry policies/practices and promising practices from the field, are expected to be distributed to school boards and our partners in public health during the 2014-15 school year.

If you have any questions about the summary report or this year’s Support and Monitoring Plan, please contact your Ministry of Education Regional Office.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to promoting well-being and creating healthy, safe and caring learning environments.

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