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Dear colleague:

As you may know, we recently announced that Ontario’s graduation rate for 2008-09 was 79 per cent. This means that about 16,500 more students graduated high school last year compared to 2003-04.

Six years ago, the rate was 68 per cent. This 11 percentage point increase is thanks to the hard work you and your colleagues do each and every day. We know that the positive results happening in our schools would not be possible without you, educators and staff at the school and board level.

The future prosperity of Ontario depends on the strength of our students. Building a well-educated, high-skilled workforce is a priority in today’s knowledge-based economy. That is why we are so committed to helping all students succeed.

Rising graduation rates and higher test scores are a testament to the hard work of all educators. Thank you for enriching the lives of our future generation.

I look forward to working with you to help even more students graduate in the future. Together, we will make Ontario a classroom for the world!

Sincerely,

Leona Dombrowsky
Minister of Education