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Dear Members of the Transformation Steering Committee,

On April 30, 2018, the Premier and I received the attached letter that your co-facilitators, Marilies Rettig and Ken Thurston, prepared on your behalf. I know that each and every one of you contributed to the letter and to the important reflections and recommendations that are captured therein. You have taken on a large and critically important task.

On behalf of the Premier and myself, I want to thank you for your dedication and valuable advice regarding the transformation of curriculum, assessment and reporting in classrooms, schools and school boards across our province. Your preliminary recommendations on the principles of a modernized curriculum and areas of focused action in the coming year will guide our way forward. You have also provided valuable insight regarding innovative and widespread outreach and well-supported implementation that are necessary for successful transformation.

As a government, we believe it is important to draw upon the input of all partners – that is how we have built the strong education system that we have here in Ontario. We appreciate your input, and have already listened to your feedback, be it on the approach to transferable skills as you recommended in January or the recent Budget investment which doubled the number of guidance teachers at the Grade 7 and 8 level and invested in training educators in a guidance role.

I have copied our education partners and advisory committees so that they too have the benefit of reviewing your advice.

Thank you again for your commitment to public education and to continuing our track record as a province that supports the success of all students. Your work is important and very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Indira Naidoo-Harris".

Indira Naidoo-Harris
Minister of Education
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 - Minister's Advisory Council on First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education
 - Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education
 - Minister's Early Years Advisory Committee
 - Minister's Student Advisory Committee
 - Minister's Principals Reference Group
 - Curriculum Council
 - Ken Thurston, Co-Facilitator, Transformation Steering Committee
 - Marilies Rettig, Co-Facilitator, Transformation Steering Committee