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Dear chairs,

We value and appreciate the essential role that school board trustees play in helping every student reach their full potential. Our publicly funded education system is among the best in the world, thanks to people like you who energize our schools, inspire our educators, and serve our communities.

As you know, our overarching goal is to improve student achievement and well-being, while ensuring long-term financial sustainability. We are in a challenging fiscal time, and our government is committed to balancing the budget by 2017-18. In our climate of continued financial restraint, we are asking everyone to do their part to address Ontario’s economic challenges.

As such, I am amending Ontario Regulation 357/06 to restrain the base amount limit of trustee honoraria at $5,900 per year for the 2014-18 term of office. This is necessary until we achieve our goal of eliminating the province’s deficit.

Having been a trustee myself, I understand and appreciate the work you do each and every day, the difficult decisions you have to make, and the considerable time you commit to this role. You provide an important voice in your community, and you help to build confidence in our education system through your focus and commitment to student achievement and well-being. I thank you again for serving Ontario’s students. Your passion, hard work and dedication are key to a brighter future for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

Liz Sandals
Minister