CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE MINISTER’S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

LOOK WHERE WE’VE BEEN AND WHERE WE’RE GOING

STUDENTS SAID
These were important themes:

SELF AND SPIRIT
Identity matters. We value learning about all cultures.

PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL SAFETY
Schools need to feel like safe places.

SENSE OF BELONGING
We need to feel welcomed and know that we belong.

MEANINGFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCES
Our learning needs to prepare us for life today and tomorrow.

SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS
Caring relationships with peers and adults make a difference.

HEALTHY MINDS AND BODIES
Mental and physical health matters.

WE ARE LISTENING
The Ministry of Education continues to work with students and partners to:

- Support a curriculum that reflects the diversity of student voice and includes Indigenous histories, cultures, and perspectives.
- Ensure that classrooms and schools are safe spaces where students can be themselves.
- Provide meaningful ways for students to speak their mind and take action.
- Expand opportunities for students to build real-life skills in ways that are connected to their community.
- Promote and support healthy living and wellbeing.

EXAMPLES OF WHERE MSAC HAS MADE AN IMPACT

- Learning about Indigenous histories, cultures and perspectives — including residential schools — is now a mandatory part of the curriculum and teacher training.
- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program is expanding over the next three years to an aspirational goal of having 25% of all students in grades 11 and 12 in SHSM.
- Education Equity Action Plan will work to reduce systemic barriers and ensure that all Ontario students can reach their full potential.
- Funding continues to support projects to educate, build capacity and develop resources to support students, including LGBTQ and racialized students.
- Student Voice Strategy continues to strengthen student engagement by focusing on learning directly from students.
- Multiple ministry policies, programs and strategies were influenced by over 80 student-led subcommittees and over 22 consultations with MSAC.
- Career Studies has been enhanced to include financial literacy, pathways planning, innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship, and digital literacy.
- Innovation in Learning Fund is a $10M per-year ongoing investment to foster deeper learning and transferable skills in students.
- Experiential Learning is expanding to provide students with a broader range of learning opportunities connected to the community.
- 9 Student Voice Indicators ensure all voices are heard in schools and school boards.
- Well-Being is supported through increased funding for local priorities, including school breakfast programs, bullying prevention and physical activity opportunities.
- School Mental Health ASSIST provides leadership and resources to help promote student mental health and well-being across Ontario.
- MSAC continues to help us reach our goals to connect achievement, equity, and well-being and improve the student experience. Thank you MSAC!