

**Ministry of Training,
Colleges and Universities**

Employment and Training Division
North Region Branch
159 Cedar Street, Suite 506
Sudbury ON P3E 6A5
Telephone: 705 564-3030
Fax: 705 564-3033

**Ministère de la Formation
et des Collèges et Universités**

Division de l'emploi et de la formation
Direction de la région du Nord
159, rue Cedar, bureau 506
Sudbury ON P3E 6A5
Téléphone: 705 564-3030
Télécopieur: 705 564-3033



January 4, 2013

JAN 08 2013

Les Gamble
Chair
Conseil des Services du District de Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
210 Mead Blvd.
Espanola ON P5E 1R9

Dear Mr. Gamble,

Thank you for your correspondence, addressed to the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities (the ministry), dated November 2, 2012, about the provision of literacy services in St Charles ON. On behalf of the Minister, I am pleased to reply.

The ministry's priority is to support the goals of the Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) program and the vision of Employment Ontario. The government recognizes that foundation skills have a fundamental and vital role in helping individuals realize their career aspirations and reach their true potential. Supporting strong literacy skills to develop a skilled workforce and raise our quality of life is part of the government's Open Ontario Plan.

The 2011 Ontario Budget included a permanent increase in the base funding for all Literacy and Basic Skills providers, including ALPHA en Partage de Sudbury EST (the agency). These additional investments totalling \$44 million will help Ontarians improve their knowledge and skill, and ensure that these services continue to be available for those who need them most.

Staff from the office in Sudbury are engaged in dialogue with the agency to ensure that learners in the area have access to LBS services. In this regard, in December 2012, the agency was provided with additional funds to help further develop their capacity to deliver literacy and basic skills services.

We look forward to working with our LBS service providers and network organizations, including ALPHA en Partage de Sudbury EST, to ensure that LBS services are provided in an efficient and effective manner and that clients served obtain successful outcomes.

Thank you for writing and for your support of literacy in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celine Paulin".

Celine Paulin
Service Delivery Manager

C: Dan C. Roveda, Regional Program Manager
Diane Carriere, Employment and Training Consultant