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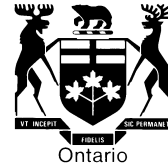
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Dear colleagues,

I am honoured and excited to serve the people of Ontario in my new role as Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development.

People have always been at the center of my work in government. First as Associate Minister of Finance responsible for Ontario's pension plan and then as Minister of Education, I've often thought about how best to support families in their pathway from education to career to retirement.

That focus on people's talent and success will certainly continue in my new role — and it's an important lens to apply right now. Ontario's economy is changing faster than ever. Jobs are evolving, new industries and sectors are growing. To stay competitive in this period of change we need a workforce that is capable, resilient and diverse. In other words, we need people to be at their best — so our education and training networks need to be at their best too.

That's where you come in. Our government works side-by-side with postsecondary institutions, students, faculty and employer associations, employment and training providers, and many others to make sure we are meeting the emerging needs of learners, job seekers and employers. Already so much progress has been made to create a talent and skills pipeline designed for an increasingly competitive global marketplace. Together, I know we can do even more.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Ontario's talent and skills. I am committed to continue working with you in partnership, and I look forward to our ongoing collaborations.

Sincerely,

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