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Dear Chairs,

In response to the economic situation facing Ontario, the government passed the *Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010*. The effect of the legislation on trustee honoraria was to prevent boards from increasing honoraria for the period of March 25, 2010 to March 31, 2012. The restraint period was subsequently extended until March 31, 2014 as a result of amendments made to Ontario Regulation 357/06 – *Honoraria for Board Members*.

In order to help address Ontario's ongoing economic challenges, I am amending Ontario Regulation 357/06 to extend the restraint period for trustee honoraria to November 30, 2014. With this amendment, the restraint period will cover the current four-year term of office. In these challenging times it is important that our leaders in the broader public sector – including the education sector – lead by example and support efforts to strengthen our economy.

Our government appreciates the hard work of Ontario school board trustees in supporting a strong publicly funded education system. We thank you for your dedication to Ontario's students and for your continued public service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Sandals".

Liz Sandals
Minister