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Dear Colleagues,

Over the last decade, our government has worked closely with its partners to improve the delivery of student transportation. Together, we have made great strides in modernizing Ontario's student transportation system. This is an achievement we can all be proud of.

Still, there is more work to be done to ensure that student transportation continues to move in the right direction. That is why, this fall, we will begin a broad engagement to renew the vision for student transportation in Ontario. As announced in April, this renewed vision will focus on how transportation services can best support the goals of the education system now and in the future. The renewed vision will also provide guidance for future policy development on issues such as funding and accountability.

I am pleased to announce that this engagement will be led by two executive co-leads, Joan Green and Michel Paulin.

Joan Green has decades of experience in the areas of education, public policy, and the broader public sector. Joan was the founding CEO of the Education Quality and Accountability Office, as well as the first woman director of education for the City of Toronto. She has served as co-chair of the Ontario Education Research Panel, and served as a commissioner on Alberta's Commission on Learning. Joan has served as special advisor to several Ontario school boards on behalf of the Ministry of Education, and is a past president of the Canadian Education Association and a member of the Order of Ontario.

Michel Paulin has vast management experience in the fields of education and finance. Previously, he served as superintendent of business at Conseil scolaire catholique Franco-Nord and as chair of the board of directors of the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange. He has also served on various committees and task forces within the education and financial sectors, including the Ministry of Education's Declining Enrolment Working Group. Michel currently sits on the board of directors for Groupe Média TFO where he is chair of the audit committee. He is also a trustee of the Ontario Non-Union Education Trust.

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The ministry will work with the executive co-leads to provide more information about the engagement process and its timeline in the coming months.

I know that I can count on your support in sharing your insights through this engagement process and I look forward to receiving your valued feedback for Ontario's renewed vision for student transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH' with a stylized flourish.

Mitzie Hunter, MBA
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