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Memorandum to: Chairs of District School Boards
Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

From: Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education

Nancy Naylor
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Subject: Ontario College of Teachers Governance Modernization

We are writing to update you on the implementation of the Ontario College of Teachers' (College) modernized governance structure.

Changes to the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996* (OCTA) came into force on February 1, 2021, to lay the foundation for a modernized governing body for Ontario's teaching profession that would best serve the public interest and protect students. On August 6, 2021, regulations were filed to continue the modernization process. The new regulations will establish the selection and appointments process for the new governing Council and committees.

The election of Council members will now be replaced with a new selection process for Council and committee members to be appointed for their skills, competencies and attributes. Appointments made through this process are expected to reflect Ontario's diversity. The College will be governed by a smaller Council with equal members of the teaching profession and the public.

The College's transition to this new governance model is being steered by a Transition Supervisory Officer, Paul Boniferro, who will appoint members of the profession to the new Council and all members of the committees, and who is overseeing College operations in the interim so that business activities can continue as usual without interruption.

The College is preparing to announce the application and selection process and will provide more details later this month. For information on how to apply to be part of this process, please visit the College's website at www.oct.ca.

This is an important time in the evolution of professional regulation in Ontario. We are confident that this modernization of the College will reinforce Ontario's reputation for having the finest teachers with the highest professional standards in the world.

Sincerely,

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