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The Honourable Paul Calandra  
Minister of Education  
438 University Avenue, 5th Floor  
Toronto ON M7A 2A5

Dear Minister Calandra,

On behalf of the Council of the Ontario College of Teachers, we are writing to inform you of three existing vacancies among the six Order-in-Council (OIC) members of Council.

Elaine Lajeunesse has resigned her position on Council effective July 31, 2025. She was originally appointed for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2022.

Our Appointments Regulation 345/96 requires that at least one OIC member is Francophone and at least one OIC member identifies as an Indigenous person. With Elaine's resignation, the Francophone member requirement is no longer met. The requirement for an OIC member identifying as Indigenous has been unfulfilled since January 1, 2025.

As you know, the governance framework of the College requires a balance of Council members from the teaching profession and members from the public. With three OIC member vacancies, we are in breach of our legislated Council composition requirements as well as missing the valued perspectives individuals from outside the teaching profession bring to the governance of the College.

We appreciate your assistance in filling these vacancies as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Tammy Webster, OCT  
Acting Chair of Council

Linda Lacroix, OCT  
Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

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