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Chantal Bélisle
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Dear Ms. Bélisle,

I am writing to follow-up on the letter sent February 14, 2020 by the previous Assistant Deputy Minister of the Student Achievement Division, Martyn Beckett. The letter requested consideration on some policy opportunities to increase the recruitment and retention in priority areas.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Ontario College of Teachers (College) on working closely with the Ministry to review the intent of the proposed regulatory changes and some of the associated opportunities. We recognize this is in addition to the regulatory amendments already recommended by Council. We assure you that these are under active consideration.

It is also important we keep our work on the recruitment and retention of teachers moving forward. For that reason, I am formally requesting that the College continue to work with ministry staff to make the following regulatory amendments under the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996*.

Ontario Regulation 176/10 (Teachers' Qualifications):

- revise the entry requirements to enrol in the Principal's Qualification Program.

The aim of this change is to permit Technological Education teachers without an undergraduate degree to become a principal or vice-principal.

Ontario Regulation 347/02 (Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs):

- recognize the supervised and assessed teaching experience gained on Letters of Permission (LOP) as an equivalency to the practicum requirements in Ontario initial teacher education programs and for technological education teachers.

The intent is to provide an incentive for individuals with LOP experience to enter an ITE program and enable them to become a certified teacher faster.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Naylor".

Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister