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**To:** Minister (EDU)  
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Dear Chair,

Our government is committed to supporting our students so that they have the skills to succeed in school, while also restoring trust, transparency and accountability in Ontario's finances. As you know, the province has undertaken an independent line-by-line review of our own expenditures and, in the 2019 Ontario Budget, we put forward a plan that sets Ontario on the right path to achieve savings of four cents on every dollar.

We are taking a modernized approach to education reform by better utilizing technology, protecting front-line teachers and reprioritizing tax dollars to make sure that they are having the greatest impact in the classroom. Taxpayers deserve modern, efficient service delivery that puts people at the center of all decisions and respects hard-earned dollars. The province has been clear that we expect our partners, including school boards, to take steps to become more efficient.

To support school boards in driving the modernization and transformation that is essential to achieving fiscal sustainability, the government has established the Audit and Accountability Fund. This initiative will allow up to ten school boards to access funding to undertake independent third-party line-by-line reviews of operations and service delivery with a goal of finding administrative efficiencies of up to four cents on every dollar spent.

In the coming days, Deputy Minister Nancy Naylor will be writing to your Director of Education and Superintendent of Business to provide more information about this application-based funding.

Thank you once again for your commitment to demonstrating value for money. I look forward to continuing to work together to help the students in our communities across our province thrive.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Lisa Thompson  
Minister of Education

c: Nancy Naylor, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education