

MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

DATE: July 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Today the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services announced next steps in the government's plan to support a needs-based and sustainable Autism program. This will allow for service to continue while giving the government the necessary time to work on the new Ontario Autism Program (OAP).

More information about today's announcement can be found [here](#), or by visiting the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services' (MCCSS) [website](#).

The Ministry of Education is committed to ensuring successful outcomes for all students, including students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). We are working closely with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and were pleased to be a partner in the spring ASD consultation. We look forward to receiving the advice and recommendations coming out of the OAP advisory panel's work.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to providing programs and supports to all students, including those with ASD. We remain committed to safe and healthy learning environments that put students at the centre of the learning experience.

Sincerely,

Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

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