

**April 17, 2023**

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

**From:** Stephen Lecce  
Minister of Education  
  
Nancy Naylor  
Deputy Minister of Education

**Subject:** ***The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023***

The Ministry of Education continues to be committed to delivering a world-class education system that focuses on important, life-long skills like reading, writing and math. To support this, we are writing to inform you that today, the government tabled *The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023* which, if passed, will lay the groundwork for a high-performing education system that is unified in its focus on student achievement.

If passed, *The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023* will:

- Increase **accountability and transparency** by driving provincial priorities and expectations for Ontario's education sector from the province through to Ontario's classrooms.
- Ensure **effective governance** through reforms that establish standardized processes and expectations for school board trustees, Directors of Education and supervisory officers.
- **Maximize capital** assets of school boards to better utilize school capacity and support building modern schools faster.
- **Strengthen teacher oversight** to support student safety through fair and effective disciplinary processes for teachers and registered early childhood educators.
- Encourage **consistent information and approaches to student learning** through more accessible information and opportunities for parents to get involved, and greater consistency in student mental health and well-being supports.

In addition, the Ministry of Education will work with the Ontario College of Teachers and faculties of education on modernizing initial teacher education and teacher certification processes to ensure they reflect the needs of students in modern day classrooms.

The proposed changes are summarized in the enclosed appendix, and if passed, would come into force on varying effective dates to support a staged implementation. Many of

the legislative amendments are enabling amendments that will require regulations to support them.

We understand that this is significant and transformative proposed legislation and, if passed, will require a robust change management approach. If passed, the amendments would be supported by regulations developed in the coming months, following engagement with key sector partners, such as school board trustees, directors of education, the Ontario College of Teachers, faculties of education and other partners to support successful implementation.

In addition, the ministry has posted information related to the proposed legislative amendments on Ontario's Regulatory Registry, which can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=44527&language=en>.

We invite you to review our proposed changes and if you have comments, please submit your feedback to [Education.Feedback@ontario.ca](mailto:Education.Feedback@ontario.ca) by May 16, 2023.

As always, thank you for your continued collaboration and ongoing commitment to the students of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Stephen Lecce  
Minister

Nancy Naylor  
Deputy Minister