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Mr. George (Joe) Lamoureux
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Dear Mr. Lamoureux and Colleagues:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Ontario Teachers' Federation and its affiliates regarding the School Information Finder. I appreciate receiving your feedback on this subject.

We understand that parents — like all Ontarians — want clear information about the issues that matter to them. That is why our government introduced the School Information Finder. It gives parents a reliable source of information about Ontario's publicly funded schools. Information about student achievement, the student population and the school itself offers a richer profile of a school and helps provide overall context.

The site can be used by teachers and principals to identify schools with student populations similar to theirs — and to encourage them to work together, share best practices and find ways to improve their students' learning. In fact, the website enables all members of the school community to be informed participants in the school improvement process.

We have been listening to the feedback we have received and are in the process of making some changes to address the concerns that have been raised. We will continue gathering feedback about how to enhance the School Information Finder and provide more information that will be valuable to parents. We look forward to continuing to improve this tool and increase the accountability and transparency of Ontario's education sector.

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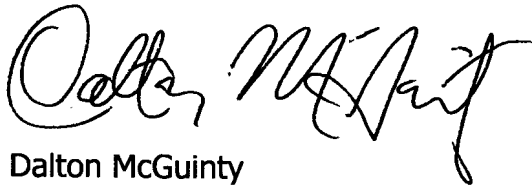
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As your letter would also interest my colleague the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Education, I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to her for her information. I trust that the minister will also take your views into consideration.

Thank you again for writing. Please accept my best wishes and warm regards.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

c: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne