

Ministry of Education

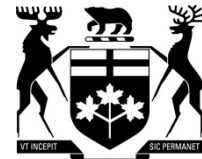
Minister

Mowat Block
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1L2

Ministère de l'Éducation

Ministre

Édifice Mowat
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1L2



Ontario

February 2, 2016

Dear Chair,

I am writing to inform you of a new document being released by the Ministry of Education that presents the subject matter of the *Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline* in a reader-friendly format.

This document, entitled *Guide to Pupil Accommodation Reviews*, is attached to this email and accompanied by a B-Memo from Assistant Deputy Minister Gabriel Sékaly to your Directors of Education.

The *Guide* is intended to make information around pupil accommodation reviews more accessible. School boards are encouraged to direct parents, guardians, students and other community members to the *Guide* to support their understanding of school closures and consolidations, and to encourage their participation in accommodation review processes.

The ministry recognizes that closing and consolidating schools is a very sensitive task for school boards. The *Guide to Pupil Accommodation Reviews* is therefore an important communications tool that can benefit all parties by demystifying accommodation reviews, the rationale behind closing and consolidating schools and the potential benefits to students.

I trust that you will find the *Guide to Pupil Accommodation Reviews* helpful, and I encourage you to share it with interested parties.

I also want to express my appreciation for your hard work on behalf of schools and students across Ontario. Together, we are modernizing our education system and making important progress toward the goals of *Achieving Excellence*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Sandals".

Liz Sandals

Minister

- c. Ontario Public School Boards' Association
- Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
- Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques
- Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario