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Nancy Sullivan  
Chair  
Wellington-Dufferin Guelph Public Health  
Board of Health  
160 Chancellors Way ON N1G 0E1

Dear Nancy Sullivan,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the upcoming changes to the elementary Health and Physical Education curriculum.

Beginning in September 2018, and until the release of a revised elementary curriculum we will be utilizing the full elementary Health and Physical Education curriculum that was last taught in 2014. This is The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1–8: Health and Physical Education, Interim Edition, 2010. This interim curriculum can now be found on the ministry website.

During the election, our government promised to deliver an education system that put the rights of parents first while getting back to the basics when it comes to teaching fundamental subjects like math. We are committed to keeping this promise, and doing better when it comes to children's academic achievements.

This is why this Fall we launched a comprehensive consultation focused on a number of areas. We want to hear from you on subjects like mental health, health and physical education, and legalization of cannabis; how to improve student performance in the STEM disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math; what measures can be taken to improve standardized testing; and what steps schools should take to ban cellphone use in the classroom.

These province-wide public consultations include an online survey, telephone town halls in every region of Ontario, and a submission platform that will allow interested individuals and groups to present detailed proposals to the Ministry. This opportunity for the public to submit input is unprecedented in Ontario's education history.

We welcome your perspective and encourage you to visit the ministry website to keep up-to-date with information regarding the upcoming consultations.

I look forward to your participation in the consultations and I am eager to work with all those concerned with getting our students on the right track to success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Honourable Lisa Thompson  
Minister of Education

c: Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington-Halton Hills