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The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
438 University Avenue, 5th floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2A5

Dear Minister Lecce,

Re: Appointments to Council

We are writing to thank you for your recent appointments to the governing council of the Ontario College of Teachers and to reiterate our need for two additional appointed members of Council as well as the consideration of additional appointments for those who will be completing their terms of office beginning in March of 2020.

Specifically, Godwin Ifedi and Elizabeth Edgar-Webkamigad, current public appointees will be concluding their six years of service on March 18, 2020. Colleen Landers' term of 4.5 years will end on June 4, 2020.

The College currently has a critical need for French speaking appointed members and would like to advocate for the appointment of individuals with a capacity to serve in both English and French. In the absence of a further appointment of a member who is French speaking, we will be unable to constitute an accreditation panel for a French language program in the New Year.

We recognize that recently appointed members of Council all have an educational background. This is not a requirement of appointed members to serve in the public interest. Our recent governance review emphasized the need for a diversity of backgrounds to ensure the public interest is served and public confidence in professional self-regulation is maintained.

We have an identified gap in fulfilling our mandate (shortage of French speaking individuals), hence, our immediate need for bilingual (French) appointed members, able to serve on both Council and its committees for many days throughout the year.

Sincerely,



Nicole van Woudenberg, OCT
Chair of Council

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Michael Salvatori, OCT
Chief Executive Officer and Registrar