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Dear Ms. Crawford and Mr. Daly,

Thank you for your letter and submission on behalf of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association regarding *Ontario's Well-Being Strategy for Education Discussion Document*. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Let me begin by stating how much our government appreciates the commitment and dedication of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association to the students of Ontario. Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools and its system leaders continue to be models of excellence in education that are emulated around the world. We value and will continue to rely on your expertise and leadership as we collectively and collaboratively move forward on promoting and supporting the well-being of students and staff within our publicly funded education system.

Thank you for your response and specific recommendations on the discussion document. As you know, since we released our engagement paper on well-being, *Well-Being in Our Schools, Strength in our Society*, we have been engaging with partners all across the province to discuss student well-being in our schools. We are looking for critical insights on three themes: understanding well-being, promoting and supporting well-being, and knowing our impact. This is intended to further our progress and better understand the opportunities and challenges in ensuring students' needs are being met. We would welcome any additional feedback from your organizations on the specific discussion questions within the paper.

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I assure you that the voices of those within our Catholic community will continue to be vital as we further explore and understand well-being in Ontario's education system. We value your participation and the insight you offer as part of the Well-Being Advisory Committee. We look forward to working with you, fellow members of the Committee and our many other partners to discuss feedback from the engagement process and our next steps.

We will continue to build on the discussions and work already happening to promote well-being in our schools. We will use this input to help move to the next level, and improve our publicly funded education system.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to achieving our shared vision for education and for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH', written in a cursive style.

Mitzie Hunter, MBA
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