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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chairpersons and Directors of Education  
- All Catholic District School Boards

**FROM:** Beverley Eckensweiler, President

**SUBJECT: Premier Ford's Cabinet and Parliamentary Assistants**

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On Friday June 29, Doug Ford was officially sworn in as Ontario's Premier. In addition, Premier Ford announced his Cabinet or Executive Council and their Parliamentary Assistants. The new Minister of Education is Lisa Thompson (biography attached). Below is a list of Cabinet Ministers and Parliamentary assistants for your information:

**Cabinet:**

Hon. Doug Ford | Premier and President of the Council/Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

Hon. Christine Elliott | Deputy Premier/Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Hon. Victor Fedeli | Minister of Finance/Chair of Cabinet

Hon. Jim Wilson | Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

Hon. Ernie Hardeman | Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Hon. John Yakabuski | Minister of Transportation

Hon. Laurie Scott | Minister of Labour

Hon. Lisa MacLeod | Minister of Children, Community and Social Services/Minister Responsible for Women's Issues

Hon. Sylvia Jones | Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

Hon. Steve Clark | Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Todd A Smith | Minister of Government and Consumer Services/Government House Leader

**Hon. Lisa M Thompson | Minister of Education**

Hon. Monte McNaughton | Minister of Infrastructure

Hon. Jeff Yurek | Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

Hon. Raymond Cho | Minister for Seniors and Accessibility

Hon. Caroline Mulroney | Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs

Hon. Greg Rickford | Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines/Minister of Indigenous Affairs

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy | President of the Treasury Board

Hon. Rod Phillips | Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Hon. Merrilee Fullerton | Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities

Hon. Michael Tibollo | Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services  
Steve Orsini | Secretary of the Cabinet, Head of the Ontario Public Service, and Clerk of the Executive Council

**Parliamentary Assistants:**

Parliamentary Assistants support Cabinet Ministers with legislative and committee matters, including special projects and assignments. They also play a role in working with stakeholders and communicating government initiatives.

- Robert Bailey - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Government and Consumer Services
- Toby Barrett - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Paul Calandra - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (Energy)
- Stan Cho - Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board
- Doug Downey - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance
- Amy Fee - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services (Children and Autism)
- Christine Hogarth - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Housing)
- Belinda Karahalios - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services (Community and Social Services)
- Vincent Ke - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- Andrea Khanjin - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Stephen Lecce - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure
- Robin Martin - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (Health)
- Gila Martow - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour
- Jim McDonnell - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Municipal Affairs)
- Norm Miller - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
- **Sam Oosterhoff - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education**
- Lindsey Park - Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General
- Michael Parsa - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (Small Business)
- Randy Pettapiece - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- David Piccini - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
- Ross Romano - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (Northern Development and Mines) and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs
- Prabmeet Sarkaria - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- Amanda Simard - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs

- Donna Skelly - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade (Trade)
- Kinga Surma - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation
- Effie Triantafilopoulos - Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (Long-Term Care)

**Next Steps:**

The Premier has indicated that he intends to recall the Legislative Assembly on Monday July 9 for a short session to deal with pressing issues related to the York University strike. At that time, he will deliver a speech from the Throne outlining the new government's legislative and policy priorities for the summer and fall session.

OCSTA will be holding meetings with the new Minister and her senior staff as well as education critics from all parties to share with them OCSTA's education funding and policy priorities.

Respectfully, we would also encourage you to share this memorandum with your board trustees to keep them informed of issues impacting Catholic education in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Andrews at [sandrews@ocsta.on.ca](mailto:sandrews@ocsta.on.ca).

*Attachment*