



May 11, 2009

Dear Parent Involvement Committee Chairs,

Our government deeply values the contributions of parents in improving our publicly funded education system. Thank you to everyone on your Parent Involvement Committees (PICs) for your hard work on behalf of Ontario's two million students.

We have seen PICs grow and blossom across the province. I've heard positive feedback from parents, school board directors and chairs, teachers, principals, trustees, students and other community members. They have all told me that this local, grassroots approach to parent involvement has been a great success.

Thank you for your leadership which is providing valuable advice to your board and helping us stay focused on improving student achievement.

We are convinced that PICs are strengthening parent engagement, which is why we want to make them mandatory at every school board. This is proposed in the Student Achievement and School Board Governance Act that we introduced last week.

I will also be inviting you to meet with me annually to discuss ways to further boost parent engagement and student achievement.

Thank you again for your determination to reach every student. Together, we are helping more of them succeed and graduate with a high quality education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

Kathleen Wynne  
Minister of Education

CC: Directors of Education  
School Board Supervisory Officers  
Regional Office Managers