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Ms. Krista Wylie
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Dear Ms. Wylie,

Thank you for your letter about federal funding for infrastructure to be used for repairing and rebuilding Ontario's public schools. I appreciate the opportunity to respond. Giving students the best possible learning environment is part of the government's plan for Ontario. That is why, since 2003, the province has invested about \$13.4 billion in school infrastructure, including nearly 755 new schools and more than 720 additions and renovations. The province's investment also includes \$1.25 billion over three years for the School Improvement Condition program to keep schools in a good state of repair.

These historic investments have led to significant improvements in Ontario's education infrastructure, and our government is committed to building on that track record in the years ahead. Over the next 10 years, the province has pledged to provide school boards with more than \$11 billion to help build new schools in areas of high growth, improve the condition of existing schools and invest in projects to reduce surplus space through school consolidations. In addition, our government has committed \$120 million over three years to create more licensed child care spaces in schools where there is significant demand to give children the opportunity to transition from child care into full-day kindergarten at the same location.

I can tell you that our government is pleased to have a partner in Ottawa that recognizes the importance of infrastructure in support of Ontario's economy and our communities. We look forward to a positive and collaborative relationship with our federal partner's 10-year infrastructure plan and partnering to provide improved infrastructure and better outcomes for our children and youth.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Sandals". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Liz Sandals
Minister