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To the Attendees of the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity's Gender and Sexuality Alliance Leadership Forum:

I am delighted to extend warm greetings to the participants, volunteers and organizers of the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity's Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Leadership Forum.

Ontario's vision for education prioritizes student health and well-being and our government is firmly committed to supporting the learning, achievement and well-being of students across the province, including students who identify as gender and sexual minorities (GSM) and/or allies.

Ontario schools need to be places where educators and students value diversity, respect each other, and see themselves reflected in their learning. And that is why we have created the Education Equity Secretariat and released the Education Equity Action Plan to identify and eliminate systemic barriers and discriminatory institutional and instructional practices that negatively impact the achievement and well-being of all students.

I would like to commend the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity for your work in promoting diversity in gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation through your services in education, health and advocacy. Your support is invaluable and I am thrilled that the GSA Leadership Forum will provide students with the skills and tools they need to become advocates and leaders for GSM identities, diversity, anti-bullying, anti-racism, anti-oppression and mental health with their schools and communities.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful forum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Indira Naidoo-Harris'.

Indira Naidoo-Harris
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