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New Minister of Education

TORONTO – People for Education, a parent-led organization, welcomed the new Minister of Education today.

“We wish the new Minister well, and we look forward to working with her,” says Annie Kidder, Executive Director of the organization. “There are so many exciting initiatives on the table right now in Ontario that have the potential to transform not only education, but all programs for children and families. Ms. Dombrowsky will have her hands full, but we’re sure her experience as a trustee will serve her well, and we are happy to work with her in whatever way we can.”

“At the same time, we’re sad to see the departure of Kathleen Wynne from the education portfolio,” says Kidder. “She has been an extraordinary Minister – willing to reach out to a broad range of communities, willing to truly listen, and dedicated to the integrated-thinking that is needed for education in the 21st century. She understood that education is connected to many of our other public policies and she was willing to begin the difficult task of reaching across sectors and ministries to make real change happen. Hers are big shoes to fill.”

The organization is looking forward to working with the new Minister on changes to the education funding formula, the full implementation of the province’s Early Learning Plan, new guidelines for fundraising and fees, and a new Parent Engagement Strategy.

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