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November 21, 2022

The Honourable Stephen Lecce Minister of Education 315 Front Street West Toronto ON M7A 0B9

Dear Minister Lecce,

I am writing to confirm that I have received your letter dated November 9, 2022, regarding the creation of an Additional Qualification (AQ) course focused on antisemitism and the Holocaust.

I have shared your letter with Chantal Bélisle, OCT, Interim Registrar and CEO of the College. We will bring this forward to our December 8, 2022 Council meeting for discussion and to seek Council's direction on next steps.

Like the Ministry, the Ontario College of Teachers has a zero-tolerance policy for hatred or discrimination of any kind, including antisemitism, within the teaching profession. We are committed to eradicating racism and discrimination from the province's education system.

We recognize there is always more work to be done and are committed to doing so, including continuing to develop our own awareness; leading where appropriate; and consulting or following as needed to support anti-oppressive and anti-racist practices, policies, and processes.

The College looks forward to providing an update following Council's consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana Miles Chair of Council

Cc: Chantal Bélisle, OCT, Interim Registrar and CEO