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Dear Mr. Fiorino and Ms. Lacroix,

As you know, with the Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026 receiving Royal Assent on May 7, 2026, the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) Council's authority to make regulations respecting accreditation of professional teacher education programs under the Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996 has been expanded to include the manner of delivery and other operational matters such as timing and duration requirements.

As you will recall from my letter dated April 13, 2026, I required several amendments to be made to O. Reg. 347/02 Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs, pursuant to my authority under clause 12(1)(c) of the Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996 (Act). I am writing today to provide further direction with respect to those required amendments. Specifically, O. Reg. 347/02 requires that programs include a minimum of 80 days of practical experience. This requirement is to be maintained within the proposed shortened program.

In my letter dated April 13th I outlined that amendments to O. Reg. 347/02 must be made by the Council by no later than June 11, 2026.

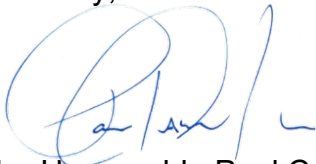
I am writing today to extend the timelines for the Council to make amendments to O. Reg. 176/10 from June 11, 2026, to September 1, 2026, given the complexities of the changes and their potential impact on teacher candidates. Further amendments may be required to O.Reg. 347/02 to align with the amendments to O.Reg. 176/10.

Given the significant implications for future educators in making informed choices about their professional pathways, it is critical that both regulations are made by the timelines noted above.

If the Council is unable to meet these timelines, it remains my intention to use the Ministerial powers under section 12(3) of the Act to make these regulatory changes to ensure that they are in place in time to support Faculties of Education in redesigning programs, as well as to students in making decisions about applying or enrolling in initial teacher education programs.

I appreciate the College's ongoing collaboration in implementing the changes to the teaching profession in Ontario and I look forward to continuing this important work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Calandra', written over a light blue circular stamp.

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Education