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Dear Ms. Bernhardt:

Thank you for your letter to my predecessor, the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, received as part of the government's recent Autism Consultations. I appreciate you taking the time to share, on behalf of the Centre for ADHD Awareness, Canada (CADDAC), concern for the availability of supports for individuals with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), including in-school supports for children and youth with ADHD.

As the new Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, I am proud to lead a ministry that is improving the lives of Ontario's vulnerable children and youth, and advocate on behalf of young people in this province.

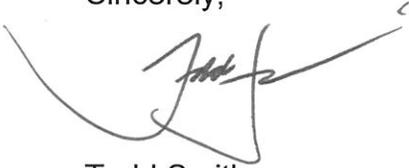
The Ministries of Children, Community and Social Services, Health and Long-Term Care and Education are committed to transforming special needs services and are actively exploring ways to improve service experiences and quality, as well as outcomes for children and youth with special needs and their families. As the ministries move forward with this work, we would be pleased to consider opportunities to discuss specific issues with organizations like CADDAC.

As in-school supports, and special education fall under the purview of the Honourable Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, I have forwarded your letter to him for his consideration.

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Again, thank you for your letter and your interest in discussing these important issues with our ministries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Smith', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Todd Smith
Minister

c. The Honourable Steven Lecce, Minister of Education