

June 10, 2026

The Honourable Paul Calandra (via email: minister.edu@ontario.ca)
Minister of Education
315 Front Street West
Toronto ON M7A 0B8

Dear Minister Calandra,

The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) and Ontario Principals' Council (OPC) are writing to share concerns regarding the impact of school board supervision on principals, vice-principals, school operations and school communities.

We recognize that boards placed under supervision are often managing significant organizational challenges and that restoring stability may take time. We understand that the purpose of supervision is to strengthen governance, improve transparency and support positive student outcomes and well-being.

Based on feedback from principals and vice-principals working in boards under supervision, there are growing concerns about communication, transparency and meaningful engagement. While experiences vary across boards, many principals and vice-principals report limited opportunities to provide input on decisions that directly affect school operations. Principals and vice-principals bring valuable insight into implementation, student needs, staff capacity and school operations. Their input can help identify unintended impacts and support more practical and sustainable implementation.

As some boards approach a year under supervision, concerns remain about the absence of clear criteria, measures or timelines for a return to regular governance.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you or Ministry staff to discuss how regular engagement with principals' associations could support the goals of supervision and help address the concerns identified by principals and vice-principals.

We are also sharing our concerns with supervisors and requesting monthly meetings between supervisors, evolving management teams and local principals and vice-principals. We ask for your support for this request.

We remain committed to working collaboratively with the Ministry of Education to support strong governance, stable school operations and positive student outcomes.

Respectfully,

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Ralph Sharples
President, CPCO

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Jeff Maharaj
President, OPC