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Dear Marilyn,

On behalf of the Toronto Chapter of Autism Ontario, we extend our sincere gratitude for the 18 years of dedication that you have shown to the special needs community, particularly to the many differently abled students of the Toronto Catholic District School Board and their families as member and Chair of the TCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee.

During the last eighteen years, we know that you have invested an immeasurable amount of time, energy and love as a member of SEAC. We admire and commend your dedication serving on countless TCDSB working committees and communicating with and meeting with parents and staff to assist families facing challenges in accessing the programs and services that will help their child reach their highest potential.

As the Chair of SEAC, you have served and led with strength and grace, always respectful of all perspectives and with the needs and best interests of our vulnerable students at the center of all discussions and as the focus of all decisions. We appreciate all that you've done during this time. We want you to know that your sacrifices, efforts and accomplishments will not be forgotten but will continue to be an example for all in lighting the way for future advocates that we hope will continue to carry the torch for equity, inclusion and hope as you have so steadfastly done over the past eighteen years.

You will definitely be missed at the SEAC table. Thank you for seeing the potential in *all* of our children. Wishing you good health and happiness!

Yours truly,

Melanie Battaglia

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President