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Dear Chairs,

In Ontario, we believe all students are enriched by learning about the histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples in Canada.

Last year, as part of Ontario's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, Ontario designated the first week of November (November 5 to 11, 2017) as Treaties Recognition Week. The goal of this week is to promote public education and awareness about the history and importance of treaties and treaty relationships.

The Ministry of Education continues to work closely with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) to raise awareness about Treaties Recognition Week in schools across Ontario. This week provides a recurring opportunity for teachers to plan curriculum-linked learning activities about treaties during the school year and will help promote awareness of treaties in the broader public.

This year, we are once again asking boards to encourage their schools to support Treaties Recognition Week by developing programs and activities that can help bring awareness to students and teachers about this important aspect of our province's history.

To support educators, a number of curriculum-linked resources have been created to encourage dialogue and discussion in Ontario's classrooms. For example, *The First Nations and Treaties Map of Ontario: Information for Educators* is available on EduGains and Edusourceontario. PDF versions of the map are available at: ontario.ca/treaties. Additional resources are also available on MIRR's website at www.ontario.ca/indigenous.

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Treaties Recognition Week is one of many steps on Ontario's journey of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. I thank you for your support and continued commitment to working together, especially with Indigenous partners and communities, to create a better future for everyone in our province.

Sincerely,

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