



January 4, 2010

Dear Colleague,

Applications are now open for the Minister's Student Advisory Council. Sixty students from across Ontario will be selected to be part of the council.

Last year, more than 1,000 students applied — a clear indication of the enthusiasm and commitment for student engagement.

Students who are in grades 7 to 12 can apply to serve a one-year term on the council. These students will provide advice to me to help make Ontario's publicly funded education system even better.

We are asking for your assistance in letting schools know that starting January 11, 2010, students can apply for council positions. **The application deadline is February 19, 2010.**

Applications are available online at [Ontario.ca/Speakup](http://Ontario.ca/Speakup). The website will also soon feature the list of approved *SpeakUp* projects for 2009/2010.

I hope you will encourage students in your schools to participate. Thank you for your support in getting the message out.

Let's all work together to make Ontario's publicly funded education system the best in the world.

For more information, please contact [studentengagement@ontario.ca](mailto:studentengagement@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

Kathleen Wynne  
Minister of Education