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Dear Mr. Rukavina:

On November 5, a new vision and model for learning in Prince Edward Island was announced. All Islanders and all learning partners will be engaged in a shared effort to support every learner from birth to the workforce, to excel, and to build a culture of learning in our province. Our success in this endeavour is essential to advance the prosperity of our province and the quality of life of every Islander. To this end, the new approach features strong mechanisms for collaboration both locally and provincially, linking partners within the education system and in the community at all levels. This includes the formation of eight Family of Schools District Advisory Councils and a provincial Principals' Council.

The Learning Partners Advisory Council is being established to provide advice and insight on learning from birth through public education, post-secondary and beyond to the workplace. The Council will bring together learning champions from educational organizations, the community, and government to provide a comprehensive and multifaceted perspective on learning priorities, opportunities, and goals. The Council will be asked to begin by renewing the philosophy, vision and goals for PEI's education system. Over time, its work will shape education policy in PEI, foster innovation and enterprise, and establish education and learning as the foundation of our prosperity.

Further information on the Council can be found at http://www.gov.pe.ca/eecd/learning-partnership . It is anticipated that the Council will meet up to three times during the school year. Ongoing administrative and research support will be provided by Executive Council Office.

As the inaugural Co-Chairs, we are pleased to invite the Home and School Federation to participate in the inaugural Learning Partners Advisory Council. Should you decide to take part, we ask that you nominate a learning champion from the Home and School Federation whom you feel can contribute to the work of the Council. The term of appointment will be two or three years (terms will initially be staggered to ensure continuity). We ask that you respond to this invitation in writing, to the address above, at your earliest convenience.

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While the Council will have its first meeting in mid-January 2016, there will be work to do during the formative phase as an initial core group assists in the selection process for the community partners and several remaining education partners. If we hear back from you by December 4, 2015, with the name of the learning champion from your institution, we will be inviting him or her to serve on the group leading the selection process. We anticipate that there will be strong interest in serving on the Council, and believe that this approach would provide valuable expertise and balance.

We thank you for your consideration of this invitation and look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

M. Wade MacLauchlan, Co-Chair

Bill Whelan, Co-chair

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