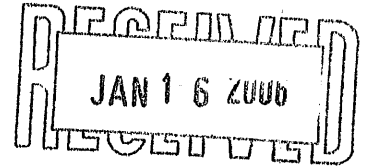




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Mr. Roger Lawler
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Dear Mr. Lawler,

Thank you for forwarding a copy of your "Annual Report of the Director of Education" and its accompanying updated system plan for improved student learning, "Sharing Our Journey" (2006-2009).

Both documents show a clear sense of purpose and focus in the activities during the past year and on the planning that guides your direction as a board for the next three years. This shows the very careful consideration of the data you have on student achievement, the careful analysis of your students' needs and wide consultation with many educational professionals and members of the community that has helped shape your goals and directions for these next three years. Your training plan for staff in the areas of literacy and numeracy is truly impressive.

It is wonderful to see an entire educational system focused solely on its students and their academic achievement while, at the same time, ensuring that their educational experience is rich in so many additional ways – in terms of their physical, social and spiritual health. We wish you well in your endeavours and the London Regional Office is prepared to support you in any way we can to help you achieve your priorities.

Please pass on our congratulations and appreciation to your senior administrative team, your trustees and your educators. Thank you for your excellent report.

Sincerely,

Gerry Townsend
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