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Dear Adult Education Partners,

We are pleased to inform you of an opportunity to participate in an online consultation to provide input to the Ontario government about how we can strengthen the adult education system in Ontario.

In September 2016, the Ministries of Advanced Education and Skills Development, Education, and Citizenship and Immigration were mandated to work together on a plan to strengthen adult education and expand its reach in Ontario.

You may be aware that the government's 2017 budget announced the Ontario Lifelong Learning and Skills Plan which signaled major initiatives for adult education, including investments in the Literacy and Basic Skills Program, the Ontario Bridge Training Program for highly skilled immigrants, and Dual Credit opportunities for adults. At that time, the province also committed to working with partners to better support learners to access programs that match their individual needs, transition between programming, and receive recognition for their prior learning and skills.

Today we posted a discussion paper, *Strengthening Ontario's Adult Education System* on the [Ontario Consultation Directory](#). We are eager to hear your feedback on the ministries' ideas, priorities and planned actions. With your feedback and collaboration, we hope to build on the strengths of the existing system, making it more seamless and learner-centred. Together we believe that we can provide more adult Ontarians with opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills.

We encourage you to participate in this consultation and to distribute the link widely to staff, learners and other adult education partners and interested parties. Feedback received will inform the province's next steps in implementing priority actions for adult education in Ontario.

To participate, please submit your comments by: e-mailing us your written submissions at lifelonglearning@ontario.ca.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will help us spread the word to others who may be interested in responding to the paper.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

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