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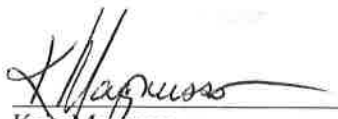
Glen Hansman  
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Dear Mr. Hansman:

Thank you for your letter of September 20, 2017, in which you expressed concerns about the lack of protection of school and student data in the proposed implementation of the province's new Foundations Skills Assessment. As co-chairs of the Advisory Group on Provincial Assessment, we wish to acknowledge that your representation of the comments and conclusions of the report are accurate. We further wish to support your expression of concern about the potential for the data to be used in ways that do not reflect ethical or fair use of the data.


We remain proud of the sustained and collaborative work of the Advisory Group, and the care that was taken to ensure that the views and interests of all stakeholders in the provincial system were reflected in the reports. We further encourage the Ministry of Education to consider how these principles and recommendations may be implemented.

Sincerely,



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