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The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur
Minister of Community and Social Services and
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Attention: Transportation Public Review Feedback
Accessibility Directorate of Ontario
777 Bay Street, 6th Floor, Suite 601A
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Dear Minister Meilleur:

Re: Feedback on AODA Proposed Standard for Accessible Transportation

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association has followed with interest the development of the proposed Standard for Accessible Transportation drafted pursuant to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.

We appreciate that the task of defining standards of accessibility in the area of Transportation has been an enormous one. The publicly funded school system transports thousands of school-age children over considerable distances every day. The school system is particularly proud of the services we have in place to ensure accessibility for students with disabilities. We feel that the representatives on the Standards Development Committee who work in and with the school system articulated very well how student transportation services are currently managed.

We are pleased that the proposed Standard for Accessible Transportation includes a distinct section for schools and our sector welcomes the opportunity to engage in continued improvement of services for students with disabilities.

We thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on this Draft Standard and look forward to contributing to the work of all of the Standards Development Committees

Sincerely,

Rick Johnson,
President