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Dear Mr. Lecce,

The unprecedented circumstances around COVID-19 and the effects on our education system in Ontario are new to everyone. We are writing today to offer our help. The health and security of the people in our education system are important, and we would like to thank you and your team at the Ministry of Education for keeping safety as your top priority in these difficult times.

With the release of e-learning support materials for K-12 recently, there is a noticeable absence of materials for arts-based curriculum. We wish to work with your ministry to find a productive way forward to support students and teachers of the Arts, particularly if school closures are extended beyond April the 5th 2020. We believe - now more than ever - that we must not forget the power and importance of the Arts for our students and their whole education. There are thousands of teachers and students of the Arts in Ontario that will need support in this uncertain time, and we have the collective expertise to assist with this.

Each of our provincial associations is a fierce subject leader, advocating passionately for our specialized Arts disciplines from JK to Grade 12 and beyond. We also work together on behalf of all of the Arts in education to support and collaborate in our work wherever possible. Together, we represent the voices of over two thousand Arts educators in Ontario, and we are calling on your ministry to engage with us. **We stand ready to help.**

Sincerely,

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