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The Honourable Liz Sandals  
Minister of Education  
900 Bay St, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Mowat Block  
Queen's Park  
Toronto Ontario M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Sandals

**RE: Release to Ernst & Young to Communicate with the Toronto District School Board regarding its Forensic Audit**

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Audit Committee of the Toronto District School Board.

In April of this year, and on the direction of the Toronto District School Board, I sent you a letter requesting that you give the Ernst & Young forensic audit team permission to discuss their audit findings and recommendations with the TDSB Audit Committee. On June 10, 2014 I received a letter from ADM Sekaly stating that the Ministry could not instruct Ernst & Young to meet with the TDSB audit committee, nor would the Ministry pay for any further work by Ernst & Young related to their audit of TDSB. While we fully accept the points made in this letter, we would respectfully point out that the letter did not address our request.

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 29, 2014 the Toronto District School Board decided:

“That the Chair of the committee and the Director of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting that release be provided to Ernst & Young in order to authorize Ernst & Young to meet with members of the Toronto District School Board Audit Committee; regarding the Toronto District School Board forensic audit.”

I look forward to your reply in regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Hastings', written over a white background.

John Hastings  
Chair, Audit Committee

c. Chair of the Board