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Dear Co-Chairs,

We would like you to share with members of the Provincial Advisory Group for Integration of Rehabilitation Services the attached Position Paper from the Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders (OAFCCD).

OAFCCD has been advocating for the unification of speech and language services and the delivery of speech-language pathology services by school boards since 1994. Over the past 24 years OAFCCD representatives have participated in every consultation and planning process that has looked at speech and language services.

OAFCCD was excited about the development of the Preschool Speech and Language Program as it ensured that children were on a single list and had a holistic assessment of their needs and intervention plan. The key elements of the PSLP, including self-referral, parent education and parent support, were critical in improving the service experience for families. However, the service system for school aged children and youth has continued to be complex, difficult to navigate, inconsistent and inadequate.

To assist with the work of the committee OAFCCD has prepared some recommendations for your consideration in the attached Position Statement. We hope that you will review the document and share with members. We would also encourage you to involve representative families in the work of the committee and ensure that the voice of youth and families, such as provided by OAFCCD, is considered in planning for the integration of rehabilitation services.

Yours sincerely,

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