

**Ontario Educational Leadership Centre** 

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Centre d'Animation Scolaire de l'Ontario

Imagining Possibilites... Realizing Potential.

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## FOUNDED ON OUR STRENGTH AND LEADERSHIP FROM THE PAST TO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

Dear OELC/CASO Supporter,

Over the last 72 years, OELC/CASO has undergone major transformations which have defined its strength and leadership. From its inception as the Ontario Athletic Training Camp in 1948, to its name change in 1952 to the Ontario Athletic Leadership Camp to 1972, and its current incarnation as the Ontario Educational Leadership Centre; all of these chapters have made the organization one of the most respected leadership centres in Ontario.

In 2020, we are now facing our greatest test as an organization. Like numerous other not for profits, and the rest of society, we are learning how to deal with the fall out of the Covid-19 pandemic; site closure and its effect on the learning environment of our leaders, staff and OELC/CASO itself. During this summer we implemented the OELC/CASO CARES (Community Action Ripple Effect) Initiative which inspired leaders to connect with one another virtually to help foster meaningful discussion on issues, as well as build community and connections. As we move forward to the fall, we continue to evolve and challenge ourselves as to how we can be innovative and transform the organization to meet the needs of our future leaders.

Our board and staff are preparing for various scenarios for 2021 and beyond, and are working towards a viable plan for future programming. While Covid-19 is a challenge for all of us, and how we interact as human beings, OELC/CASO sees this as one more step in our evolution to respond and deliver the most relevant leadership programs for young people today. Now more than ever, our organization must use its history, resources, collective strength and imagination to ensure that we continue with our mission.

We wish to thank all the supporters who have enquired about our status and offered assistance. I want to assure you that as President, on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we are committed to continuing to deliver on OELC/CASO's mandate of imagining possibilities ... creating a difference.

Thank you for your ongoing support. With a view to the future,

Karen Albertson President Board of Directors OELC/CASO