



July 3, 2025

Honourable Brendan Maguire  
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development  
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Dear Minister,

**Re: HRCE Spring 2025 Public Engagement**

This spring, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) launched Listen to Lead, a new year-round consultation process.

On May 14, 2025, HRCE initiated the system-wide consultation to engage families, staff, students and community members through anonymous ThoughtExchange surveys. We asked stakeholders how we can enhance and prioritize the success and well-being of our students and staff.

Participants were given two weeks to provide feedback about what's working well and what needs to improve in our system.

Once the consultation closed on May 28, 2025, HRCE staff compiled all input into a document of summaries and key themes, which can be found [here](#).

As Regional Executive Director (RED), I then hosted a series of eight meetings for approximately 90 HRCE leaders and partners (including leadership from PSAANS and NSTU). In these meetings, I outlined the summaries and themes that were collected and provided each attendee with a confidential link to the anonymous survey data. Leaders were asked to propose short-term (one year), medium-term (three years) and long-term (five years) ideas and actions based on survey data and their own experiences and expertise.

Throughout the summer, system leaders will review the findings and establish a strategic plan to implement actions that address common themes in the community feedback.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,



Steve Gallagher  
Regional Executive Director of Education  
Halifax Regional Centre for Education

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