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July 9, 1993

Ms Louise Bailey
c/o Down Syndrome Association of Ontario
5248 Yonge Street
North York, Ontario
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Dear Ms Bailey:

Thank you for your recent letter in support of Becky Till and changes to legislation that would enable all children, with support, to attend a neighbourhood school. I cannot comment on the Till case because it is currently before a Human Rights Commission Board of Inquiry.

As you know, this government is committed to increasing opportunities for the integration of exceptional pupils into regular classrooms. The Ministry of Education and Training is currently finalizing a policy on integration that we expect to be made public soon.

In addition, Bill 4, the Education Statute Law Amendment Act, 1993, formerly Bill 37, was introduced in the Legislature on April 21, 1993. This bill includes the repeal from the Education Act of all references to "trainable retarded" pupils. Repeal of these sections is a necessary first step in the direction toward integration as a normal practice for almost all exceptional pupils.

Thank you for writing to me.

Sincerely,

Dave Cooke
Minister
M.P.P., Windsor-Riverside

January 29, 1993

Dear Premier Rae;

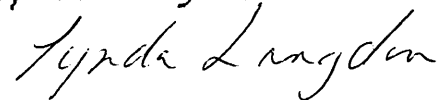
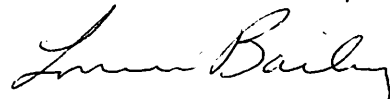
We were very gratified to be informed through David Warner's office that you felt a meeting with the Down Syndrome Association of Ontario and the Ontario Association for Community Living was not necessary as your government is standing by your commitment to integration for children with developmental disabilities by September 1993.

We are anxiously awaiting the tabling of such legislation and, at the appropriate time, will be planning a celebration rally at Queen's Park in which we hope you and Tony Silipo will participate.

Sincerely,

Louise Bailey

Lynda Langdon



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c.c. Tony Silipo
Carola Lane

Dec 2, 1992

Dear Tony;

We're still counting on IMPLEMENTATION
DATE SEPTEMBER 1993!

Preparations need to be underway for the introduction of legislation. We believe that strong commitment and leadership from you will be key in achieving integration and equality for our children!

Anticipation and planning for inclusion is running very high among our member groups. School Boards to whom we have spoken (including York Region) are taking the new policy directions very seriously. This momentum needs to be consolidated with legislative guarantees or we will have ended up strengthening anti-integration forces instead of ensuring a better future for our children.

We are looking to you to fulfil government promises and the promises made to us by Marion Boyd and yourself. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to facilitate this process so that our children can finally achieve the equality rights in education to which they are inherently entitled.

Ann
(Barley)

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Jan 11, 1993

Dear Tony:

Happy New Year! We're counting on you to make this a happy new year for our kids, too!

Our parents are looking forward to a new era and a better future for our children.

There may be opposition but everyone knows this is long overdue. It can't prevent us from doing what is right.

Tony, you have the power to make come true, on Sept 7, 1993, the dreams of thousands of parents and children across Ontario.

Louise

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