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Hon. Leona Dombrowsky, Minister
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Dear Minister Dombrowsky,

On behalf of the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) I would like to congratulate your Ministry on taking an important step in responding to the recommendations in *A Sound Investment*, the Report of the Working Group on Financial Literacy. LDAO found much to commend in the report, including the clear description of core competencies of financial literacy, and the concept of building a continuum of financial skills throughout the grades.

The recommendations of the Report are thorough and sound. Professional development of educators is key to the implementation, and LDAO supports the provision of summer learning sessions and workshops for teachers. It will be very important in these and other professional development activities to help educators understand the accommodations and modifications that may be required for students with learning disabilities to benefit from instruction in financial literacy.

Financial literacy is an important life skill that should be integrated throughout curriculum and particularly into transition planning for students who will be leaving secondary school for work, training or postsecondary education. LDAO would be happy to assist in making this program successful for students with learning disabilities.

Sincerely,

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