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Dear Mr. Kershaw,

21st Century learning and teaching is a key priority of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. In Ontario we are strong advocates for a provincial focus on the effective integration of technology in instructional practice. When we released our 2009 paper *What if? Technology in the 21st Century Classroom*, one of our salient messages was: "Change the culture of education and infuse it with the same technologies for learning that our students use for living." The paper became a spur to discussion at an Ontario Ministry of Education Provincial Working Table and we are now seeking to escalate the level of that discussion.

The vision, principles and overall direction expressed in C21 Canada's recent publication *Shifting Minds: A 21st Century Vision of Public Education for Canada* are particularly welcome at this time and we are proud to endorse your paper. This initiative on the part of C21 Canada will further our shared resolve to advance 21st Century models of learning in Ontario and throughout Canada. Addressing this pressing issue goes to the heart of public confidence in our education system.

Students, teachers and parents are ready to embrace the directions in "*Shifting Minds*" and we need our education leaders to take up the challenge. We welcome another voice in moving this important agenda forward and wish C21 Canada continued success.

Sincerely,

Catherine Fife,
President