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The Honourable Catrina Braid
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Dear Justice Braid:

I am pleased to bring greetings on behalf of the Ontario Court of Justice to participants of the Ontario Justice Education Network's event "Braiding Diversity into Justice".

The Ontario Court of Justice joins the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal of Ontario, in strongly supporting the goal of this event: to connect young women, who are marginalized and/or racialized, with members of the legal sector in order to motivate and empower them. I encourage all participants to take advantage of the breadth of knowledge and experience presented by the various law professionals and members of the community which encompass a diversity of views, life experiences, and gender perspectives on the careers that contribute to justice in Canada.

The Ontario Court of Justice recognizes the need to promote and enhance awareness of systemic and individual racism. I am conscious that there is much room for improvement in making the Court more reflective of diverse communities. The Court has renewed its commitment to address discrimination and create a culture of anti-racism. Over the years, many of our educational programs for both judges and justices of the peace have addressed issues of discrimination and bias in all forms. The goal is to help us deliver a more fair, accessible and effective justice system – and one that builds public confidence. Today's program is another way of moving towards braiding diversity into the justice system.

I wish you all a productive day of sharing and learning. I hope you find today's program motivating, and that it encourages you to continue exploring potential careers in the justice system.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lise Maisonneuve".

LISE MAISONNEUVE
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