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**The Ontario Federation of Independent Schools
CHARITABLE TRUST**

The OFIS Charitable Trust seeks to improve the quality of education that is provided in Ontario's independent schools by providing financial assistance for the training of teachers and administrators who are employed or plan to be employed in schools that are not publicly funded.

**Support the professional development of
21st Century Educators in our independent schools!**

SEASONS GREETINGS to fellow OFIS, OFIS Trust and Independent School supporters,

This salutation *should include* all forms of independent school supporters, the schools themselves, associations, parents, teachers, administrators, board members, potential and past recipients, etc. The OFIS Trust is a *form of mutual aid* that we can offer each other as we are trying to make every independent school all that they can be with high caliber, well-trained leaders. If we all contribute as we feel led and able, we can accomplish a lot. *Tax receipts are available for all donations that qualify.*

In our last appeal letter, the OFIS Charitable Trust was pleased to award its first bursary to a very worthy recipient, a young woman passionate about teaching primary grades in a church school. Her Principal at the time praised her for frequently and freely sharing her increasing knowledge with other faculty members... and noted that she is 'a prime candidate to receive financial support' as she is still carrying considerable student loans. Her school was not in a position to underwrite her. We were pleased to encourage this young educator by assisting her financially (her course cost) in her sincere efforts to follow her calling, to grow and learn as a teacher in the independent school system, and in her desire to "meet the children's needs in being prepared for the world around them, (to) support their social, academic, and in our case spiritual development". And her words of thanks: "My sincere thanks to you for your consideration and your generosity, this could not be more welcome or appreciated!" NOTE! She has since been promoted to Principal.

THIS IS WHAT THE OFIS TRUST IS ALL ABOUT! We want to do more and while seeking your SUPPORT, we are also seeking new applicants. ENCOURAGE an aspiring teacher/administrator to apply for financial assistance in his/her effort to improve their skill set as a committed independent school educational leader.

We again hope for your generous commitment to The OFIS Charitable Trust this year.

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OFIS has grown its membership substantially in recent years, offering school evaluations as well as high quality, unique-to-independent-schools certified training opportunities for teachers and administration to ensure our independent schools are the best they can be. THIS IS INSPIRING! Check out the website from time to time to see what I mean.

Our OFIS TRUST mandate is to make sure every deserving individual, passionate about service in the independent school sector, can make their dream come true, establish a rewarding career, and also continue to grow their ability to contribute to a healthy learning environment. We want to remove barriers where they exist... **WITH YOUR HELP.**

We thank those of you who have already become supporters. We are working hard to build a significant reserve or nest egg that will provide meaningful and sufficient support to many qualified applicants/participants of this program, ongoing. Please pass on the news of **The OFIS Charitable Trust** to other potential donors, as well as potential beneficiaries! Encourage a person or persons interested in a career, or career improvement, whether as a teacher or administrator in the independent school sector, to submit an application for financial assistance. The appropriate information and forms can be found at the OFIS Trust link on the OFIS website www.OFIS.ca.

To make your donation please use the *enclosed* Donation Form and mail your OFIS TRUST cheque directly in the envelope provided or make your donation On-Line through the *CanadaHelps* DONATE NOW button, also at the OFIS TRUST link on the OFIS website www.OFIS.ca. Please note that all contributions mailed and postmarked on or before December 31, 2019 will be treated as 2019 contributions for tax receipt purposes. The same applies to on-line contributions completed before the calendar year end.

If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to contact Glen Woolner, Chair of the OFIS TRUST Board, by email at glen.mar@rogers.com or phone at 519-574-8100, or Annette Minutillo, the OFIS Trust Secretary, by email at annette.minutillo@bell.net.

We eagerly await your response and wish you and yours a Meaningful, Joyful and Peace-filled Christmas season with family and friends, and a safe and happy entry into 2020.

Sincerely,



Glen Woolner,
Chair of the OFIS TRUST Board
Past President of OFIS

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