Date

Name of Recipient

Company/Office

Address

Dear (Name of Recipient):

I am writing to you to voice my support for effectively **ending** the practice of academic streaming in our schools.

Research shows that students who take applied courses have worse learning outcomes and postsecondary options than those of their academic streamed peers. Black, Indigenous, racialized, low-income and special needs students are significantly more likely to be streamed into applied classes, and Ontario is the only province in Canada to begin this practice in Grade 9.

The province’s announcement of its commitment to end streaming in Grade 9 is a step in the right direction; however, more needs to be done to ensure the transition away from streaming fulfills its intended goals.

**The provincial government and school boards must:**

* end streaming in **all Grade 9 and 10 courses**;
* **invest** in additional recovery and special education resources to support students entering high school with learning gaps;
* ensure **smaller class sizes** to allow for differentiated instruction and greater teacher-student contact time;
* provide **professional development** for educators, administrators and guidance counsellors; and
* provide the public with a **concrete plan** on how de-streaming will be implemented across the province.

The future of the next generation relies on your ability to carry out this transition responsibly. As the **Minister of Education/a member of provincial parliament/school trustee**, I encourage you to engage with students, parents, educators and communities throughout the de-streaming process. The only way to build an education system that breaks down barriers and prepares all students for success, is for the province and school boards to commit to the aforementioned investments and policies.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

(Your Name)