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Dear Councillor Ainslie,

Thank you for writing to the Minister of Education about Let's Get Ready for Reading: A fun and easy guide to help kids become readers and for providing her with a copy of this early learning resource. I'm please to respond on her behalf.

I would like to commend the Toronto Public Library for its efforts to support the literacy development of Ontario's youngest learners. As you know, strong literacy and numeracy skills are the critical foundation for all other academic achievement and for a lifetime of success. They are central to the development of higher-order skills such as creativity, critical thinking, communication and problem solving. A solid foundation in literacy and numeracy gives students the widest range of choices in school and beyond.

Libraries play a critical role in improving student achievement. They have a powerful influence on stimulating interest in reading and strengthening research and critical thinking skills. Libraries and library staff inform, stimulate and facilitate personal growth and a love of learning.

May I request three more copies to share with ministry staff? They can be sent to the address in the letterhead.

Thank you again for supporting the school readiness of our students. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Franz', written over a horizontal line.

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