

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN



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The Honorable Chris Bentley, MPP
Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities
900 Bay St. 23rd Fl
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Minister Chris Bentley,

On behalf of the of the Ontario Council /Canadian Federation of University Women, I would like to commend the Ontario Government on the substantial investment made to the "Pathways to Education" program in Regent Park.

The expansion of this valuable program into other at-risk communities is a step forward in ensuring all students in Ontario receive the quality of education they deserve. When our children are supported and encouraged by the mentoring provided through the "Pathways to Education" program they are more likely to succeed and move into post-secondary education or an apprenticeship.

It is our expectation that the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities will continue to value our children's education by providing the necessary funding to ensure expansion of the "Pathways" program into communities in need.

The Education Standing Committee has invited Sue Sigurdson, Program Director for Pathways to Education to speak at the January 13, 2007 meeting in Toronto. We are looking forward to hearing more about the success of this program and the anticipated expansion into other at-risk communities.

Yours truly,

Linda MacGregor
CFUW Ontario Council President