



Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Commission d'évaluation de la qualité de l'éducation postsecondaire

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The Honourable John Milloy
Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities
900 Bay Street
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Dear Minister:

Re: Niagara University's application to renew consent to offer a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Education

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000* (the Act), Niagara University applied for your consent to continue to offer a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Education.

In accordance with section 5.2 of the Act, the application was referred on July 12th, 2010 to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with standards and benchmarks identified in its *Handbook for Private Organizations, 2010*, and gave final consideration to the application on February 22nd, 2011.

Based on:

- the applicant's submission;
- the findings of the Organization Review and Quality Assessment Panels appointed by the Board to assess this application against the Board's standards and benchmarks for a private organization offering an Honours Baccalaureate degree;
- the applicant's response to the panels' reports;
- any additional materials provided by the applicant to the Board;
- any commitments made by the applicant during the review process; and
- the Board's assessment of the information;

the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board finds that the proposed program meets the Board's standards, and recommends that you grant consent to Niagara University to offer a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Education at the following sites:

- Toronto Catholic District School Board (30 Humbert Street, Toronto);
- York Catholic District School Board (10475 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill);
- Halton Catholic District School Board (802 Drury Lane, Burlington);
- Durham District School Board (400 Taunton Road East, Whitby); and
- Talpiot College (410 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto).

Should you decide to grant consent, the Board recommends that consent be conditional on Niagara University maintaining its accreditation by the Ontario College of Teachers. Given the consent holder's successful renewal reviews; its internal policies and procedures for ensuring its ongoing quality; and the additional scrutiny of the program by the accrediting body, the Board recommends that Niagara University be granted consent for 10 years.

Yours truly,



Dale Patterson,
Chair

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