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MEMORANDUM TO: All Staff

FROM: Ron Sapsford
Deputy Minister

SUBJECT: Announcement – George Zegarac

After 7 years of service with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, George Zegarac is moving to the Ministry of Education as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Strategic Planning and Elementary/Secondary Programs on October 11, 2005. He will be taking on another policy challenge by helping lead the government's commitment to change in the education system.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate George and thank him for his many contributions to improving the health care system for Ontarians.

Over the course of his career with the Ministry, George has helped deliver on many key commitments. In the area of human resources, he helped lead the Nursing Taskforce Report and the Expert Panel on Health Human Resources which has not only led to expanded supply of these practitioners but innovations such as expanded use of IMG's, Nurse Practitioners, and more decentralized training, including the establishment of the Northern Ontario Medical School. He has also led signature pieces of legislation, i.e. introduction of Bill 8, the *Commitment to the Future of Medicare Act* and Bill 31, *Privacy of Personal Information Act & Quality of Care Information Protection Act*. In addition, he helped lead the policy work that has led to the current health transformation agenda.

George also had many successes as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Community Health over the past 14 months, including implementing long term care reforms; refining new home care/mental health/community health centre policies and program; supporting the external review of the procurement process in home care; overseeing the legislative reform process for long term care and co-leading the closure of the province's District Health Councils.

I know you will join me in wishing George the very best with his new portfolio. Details will follow shortly on George's replacement.

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