

Memorandum

To: **Employment Ontario Delivery Partners**

From: Cordelia Abankwa, Assistant Deputy Minister
Employment and Training Division
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills
Development

Date: **July 7, 2022**

Subject: **My Sincere Gratitude: Cordelia Abankwa**

Dear Employment Ontario delivery partners:

I'm writing to inform you that I'm taking an 18-month leave of absence from my position as Assistant Deputy Minister, Employment and Training Division at the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. My last day will be July 19, 2022. I want you to know that your partnership with me and my team has been, and continues to be, crucial as well as deeply appreciated. Thank you!

I started this role at the height of the global pandemic, during a time of much uncertainty. I experienced supportive, adaptive partners who worked collaboratively through various challenges, seized opportunities, and continued to provide high-quality employment and training supports to the people we serve. During this period, and by working with you, we were able to continue the transformation of our employment services system. Notably, we began launching the service system manager model across nine additional catchment areas, advancing a roadmap to bringing this transformation to completion. We worked through the transformation of Ontario's skilled trades and apprenticeship systems, establishing Skilled Trades Ontario, and laying the groundwork for ensuring clearer access to enhanced services for apprentices, skilled trades workers, and their employers. We also continued to deliver

improved, more inclusive employment and training programs to better meet the needs of the diverse populations we serve across our province.

I am pleased to share that in my absence, Jody Young has been appointed as the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Employment and Training Division. Jody brings extensive experience in executive leadership, transformation, change management, and operational excellence. I have full confidence that her wealth of knowledge and experience will ensure our continued success.

Once again, I'd like to say thank you. My best wishes to you and your families.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Cordelia Abankwa,
Assistant Deputy Minister, Employment and Training Division
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