



Mark Fisher, Director of Education and Secretary

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Hon. Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
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Via email: minister.edu@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Lecce,

It was nice to connect with you at the Ontario Public School Boards' Association conference in Toronto this January.

As promised, I am inviting you to Tecumseh Public School for their Entrepreneurial Market. This market is a chance for grade 7 and 8 students from Tecumseh to start their own businesses and learn financial literacy. Each student business has received a small amount of money to use towards creating an idea and product, business plan, marketing strategy, and tradeshow booth.

The Entrepreneurial Market teaches young student-leaders the value of ideation, innovation, enterprise, teamwork, marketing and promotion, brand building, budgeting, risk-taking and hard work. This event serves as an excellent real-life learning experience for students and is a terrific opportunity to see financial literacy in action.

I have spoken with the teachers running the event. They are open to selecting a date for the Entrepreneurial Market during the last week of April or the first week of May that works best for you.

While you are in the area, I hope that you might also be able to meet with Director Fisher and I, for a more in-depth conversation about opportunities and challenges unique to Thames Valley.

Please reach out to boardchair@tvdsb.ca to let me know when you might be available. Thames Valley looks forward to your visit!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Pizzolato".

Lori-Ann Pizzolato
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