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**Update: Kindergarten-Grade 12** and Postsecondary Education

## Standards Initial Recommendations Posted for Public Feedback

Update: The timeline for public feedback for the K-12 Education initial recommendations has been extended until November 1, 2021 (see below for updated language)

Standards Development Committees are responsible for developing and reviewing accessibility standards in Ontario. These accessibility standards help achieve the purpose of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, 2005 (AODA), as Ontario moves forward on its journey to create a more accessible and inclusive province.

The Kindergarten-Gr. 12 (K-12) and Postsecondary Education (PSE) Standards Development Committees (Committees) were tasked with developing recommendations for proposed accessibility in publicly funded K-12 schools and PSE institutions. Both Committees are comprised of people with disabilities, representatives from disability organizations, and education sector experts.

The Government of Ontario is pleased to announce that the K-12 and PSE Committees' Initial Recommendation Reports have been posted online for public comment.

- The K-12 initial report can be viewed here: https://www.ontario.ca/document/development-proposed-kindergartengrade-12-k-12-education-standards-2021-initial-recommendations
- The PSE initial report can be viewed here: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/development-proposed-postsecondary-education-standards-2021-initial-recommendations-report">https://www.ontario.ca/page/development-proposed-postsecondary-education-standards-2021-initial-recommendations-report</a>

In addition, a Technical Sub-Committee was tasked with developing recommendations on student transitions between K-12 and PSE; and between education, employment, and the community. Their report has been posted online and can be viewed here: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/accessible-transitions-students-disabilities-kindergarten-grade-12-k-12-workforce-community-and">https://www.ontario.ca/page/accessible-transitions-students-disabilities-kindergarten-grade-12-k-12-workforce-community-and</a>

After you've read the initial recommendations for both the K-12 and PSE Committees, you have a couple of ways to submit your feedback:

- Complete the online surveys at:
  - K-12 Survey Link: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-initial-recommendations-development-proposed-kindergarten-grade-12-k-12-education">https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-initial-recommendations-development-proposed-kindergarten-grade-12-k-12-education</a>
  - PSE Survey Link: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-initial-recommendations-development-proposed-postsecondary-education-accessibility">https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-initial-recommendations-development-proposed-postsecondary-education-accessibility</a>
- Send written feedback to: <u>educationSDC@ontario.ca</u> for the K-12 report and <u>postsecondarySDC@ontario.ca</u> for the PSE report.

The timeline for public feedback for the K-12 Education initial recommendations has been extended until **November 1, 2021**, the same as the PSE initial recommendations timeline of **November 1, 2021**.

The Committees will review and consider all feedback before they finalize their recommendations and submit their final reports to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility for consideration.

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