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Participants - Braiding Diversity into Justice
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Dear Braiding Diversity into Justice Participants:

I am pleased to bring greetings on behalf of the Ontario Court of Justice to participants of the Ontario Justice Education Network's event "Braiding Diversity into Justice".

The Ontario Court of Justice strongly supports the goal of this event: to connect young women, gender fluid and non-binary youth, who are marginalized and/or racialized, with members of the legal sector, to motivate and empower them. I encourage you all to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of the law professionals and members of the community participating in this program. They bring a diversity of views, life experiences, and gender perspectives that is vital to building and supporting an inclusive justice system.

The Ontario Court of Justice recognizes the need to promote and enhance awareness of systemic and individual racism. I am conscious that there is much room for improvement in making the Court more reflective of diverse communities. The Court has renewed its commitment to address discrimination and create a culture of anti-racism. Our goal is to help us deliver a more fair, accessible and effective justice system. Today's program is an important part of that ongoing work.

I wish you all a productive day of sharing and learning. I hope you find today's program motivating, and that it encourages you to continue exploring potential careers in the justice system.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lise Maisonneuve".

LISE MAISONNEUVE
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