



**Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs  
Agences ontariennes de soutien pour les personnes qui ont des besoins speciaux**

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Honourable Madeleine Meilleur  
Minister of Community & Social Services  
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Toronto, ON  
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Dear Madame Meilleur:

While we are pleased that the strikes at some of our member agencies have been settled, we are extremely concerned at the process of the settlement and the effect that such a settlement has on other member agencies in particular and the developmental services sector in general.

We are further concerned that the settlements were not negotiated by both parties involved in the dispute, and we are wondering how this will affect those agencies currently involved in negotiations and the next round of negotiations.

With the recent settlements the wage gap has increased – notwithstanding the recent additional agency allocations!

This matter requires an urgent response from the Ministry and to this end we request an immediate meeting with you and your staff preferably within the next 72 hours. We would be prepared to travel to Ottawa, if necessary.

Yours truly,

Gerry Sutton,  
President of OASIS

CC: **Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario**  
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