Comments regarding MCS Spectrum Applicants' Learning Plans:

You have clearly outlined some of the major technological challenges facing all boards in Ontario, including the funding strapped smaller boards. To keep abreast of the changes in technology, it becomes increasingly necessary to attract partners from the private sector. Each of the six MCS Spectrum Applicants' proposals has its merits. However after close scrutiny, the benefits to Ontario students, of the Rogers Cantel Inc. Learning Plan, distinguishes itself. The additional financial contribution to the learning fund, access to fibre (at cost) coupled with no cost engineering and other consulting expertise makes this proposal a winning solution for Ontario students. Distance learning is becoming more prevalent and we need the infrastructure to support it. Through partnerships such as the one proposed by Rogers Cantel Inc, the ability to realize this goal would be within the reach of even the smaller boards.

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