THE CANADIAN HEARING SOCIETY
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Dear Dr. McLaughlin,

On behalf of The Canadian Hearing Society, I wish to express our heartfelt congratulations to the ICED for its leadership in:

- Rejecting the resolutions passed at the ICED Milan Congress in 1880 that denied the inclusion of signed languages in educational programs for Deaf students;
- Acknowledging and sincerely regretting the detrimental effects of the Milan conference resolutions;
- Calling upon all nations of the world to remember history and ensure that educational programs accept and respect all languages and all forms of communication.

With this small, but significant, step we all take a giant leap forward to working together to ensure that no Deaf or hard of hearing children are left behind or denied their right to express themselves in their signed language. Without a doubt ICED has sent out a strong message to the Deaf and hard of hearing communities in all nations to work together for the betterment of education in order that every child can achieve his or her dreams.

On behalf of The Canadian Hearing Society we are pleased with ICED's lead in making this historic announcement. The Canadian Hearing Society will assist however we can to continue to promote equitable and equal, accessible, and quality education for Deaf and hard of hearing students in Ontario and across Canada.

Sincerely,

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