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A note of appreciation to: Your Teaching Staff

During International Multiple Birth Awareness Week (November 4th-11th) Canada's multiple-birth community would like to take this moment to say thank you! As we reflect on this year's international theme for Multiple Births Awareness Week we note our gratitude for the quality of education you provide for our children.

We know having twins, triplets, and sometimes quads in your classroom adds an extra level of consideration to your day. Respecting our wishes for annual school placement decisions for each child sometimes means we are asking you to keep them together – while other times it means we are requesting you separate them. Either way, we know you take extra care in how you accommodate the multiple-birth children in your classroom.

Thank you for:

- Understanding that the relationship shared by these students is more complex and connected than other sibling connections
- Measuring their achievements as individuals, not comparing in ways that attract attention to their differences in abilities
- Taking the time to recognize who they are by name, which can be challenging with some of our monozygotic multiples
- Realizing we have the same goal – assisting our children, your students, to become well-rounded young adults

Please find attached additional information - **Multiples in School: A Guide for Educators**. Some of this information may be new to you, while other points you may have learned through experience; our goal in sharing it with you today is to encourage discussion about this very important topic.

Respectfully submitted by:

On behalf of the parents of multiple-birth children in your school, and Multiple Births Canada