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Dear OISE Community:

Welcome Back from Summer Break!

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer break and that the beginning of September finds you all very well and rested. As you transition into a term of study and work, know that we are committed to supporting and enhancing the efforts of our learning community through this academic year. Later in the term, once we have all had a chance to settle into a bit of a routine, I look forward to hosting another community pop-up event where we can share some stories, snacks and a beverage.

Orientation Sessions

At this time of year OISE hosts several orientation events including a student orientation day on September 8th, 2016 for our [Graduate](#) as well as [Concurrent Teacher Education](#) programs. Faculty, staff and students from various departments/units will be assisting our newly arrived student population in getting to know our community. Take time this coming week to say hello to the less familiar faces as they make their way around the building. For those with specific questions please direct individuals to their affiliated department and/or visit the OISE [Office the Registrar and Student Services](#).

OISE Summer Leadership Retreat

The OISE Leadership Team including Academic and Administrative Staff had the opportunity to come together on August 30th to discuss various priorities for the year as well as preliminary discussion of the OISE Academic Planning process. We are in the pre-planning phase of the process and several ideas and suggestions have been proposed which we intend to share with the community for further consideration and feedback. Our intention and hope is that what we develop together will stimulate a very engaging process that taps into our collective ideas without taxing our energies beyond reason.

Web Redesign

Over the past number of months, our OISE External Relations team, in concert with the Education Commons, has received excellent input regarding ideas and issues related to renewing the OISE website. The redesign process is aided by an expert panel and further input is being sought from communications representatives throughout the Institute over the next few weeks. With this in mind, the team will soon be poised to implement changes to

modernize our site. Naturally, this is all key to effectively telling our story, recruiting future students and connecting with key stakeholders locally and around the world.

Faculty Search Efforts

As recently announced, OISE is conducting several searches during the 2016-17 academic year including positions in the following areas of specialization: (i) Literacy in Elementary Education, (ii) Science Education and (iii) Comparative & International Higher Education. We will provide links to the full position descriptions in the near future in the hope that members of the community will play a role in ensuring that we have excellent, diverse pools of candidates for these extremely important positions.

I look forward to a wonderful and engaging academic year. All my best wishes for a great start!

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "J".

Glen A. Jones, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean