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Dr. Catharine Whiteside
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Dear Dean Whiteside,

On behalf of the Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network (TAHSN), I would like to express our support for the January 2010 report on the *TAHSN Task Force on Valuing Academic Performance*.

The report provides an extensive set of recommendations which are fully endorsed by our members, and represents a significant step forward towards TAHSN's goal of a strengthened and more integrated education model across our member organizations. Recognizing and rewarding the talent that resides in the Toronto area will help to ensure that the best and brightest continue to call this area their home, as well as encouraging talent from outside Toronto to view the area as one of the world's top destinations to bring their work. As it is people who drive our business in health care, TAHSN is encouraged to see this report place a particular emphasis on valuing individual excellence.

TAHSN is committed to supporting and strengthening this work as it is poised to provide value for our member organizations in many avenues for years to come. We would like to thank all those involved in the development of this report for their excellent work.

We look forward to supporting and implementing this project as it progresses.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Bell, Chair
Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network (TAHSN)