MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Director of the Provincial Schools Branch
Supervisory Officer of Centre Jules-Leger

FROM: Avis Glaze
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DATE: May 22, 2007

SUBJECT: Character Development in Action, K-12
Successful Practices

Thank you for the work that is currently underway in school boards to initiate or build upon character development programs. We know that you are all working towards the goal of implementing this initiative in all schools, K-12, during the 2007-08 school year.

Numerous community forums and capacity building in-service sessions have been held across the province to prepare for the implementation. Discussions at the forums, to date, indicate strong support for the Character Development Initiative. We are delighted to see such enthusiasm, especially from parents and community members.

The forums and in-service sessions will be concluded by late June. Input gathered will be considered in the finalization of the document, Finding Common Ground: Character Development in Ontario Schools, which will be released to boards as early as possible in the new school year.
It is our plan to develop a supplementary document to bring together some of the successful practices that are now being implemented in schools and boards across the province. Many educators who are in the early stages of implementation have told us, on many occasions, that they would like to see examples of how schools and boards are implementing and developing the initiative, often in collaboration with community partners. We believe that this document will facilitate the sharing of successful practices. This document will be distributed to school boards and school authorities in the fall.

We are asking directors to invite entries from their schools on the form that is attached and submit a single package of their board’s practices, strategies, initiatives, and stories for consideration for inclusion in this document to be entitled, *Character Development in Action, K-12*. As well, Ministry staff may visit to gather additional information. Multiple submissions from a board or school authority are welcome.

Please send the package to Jan Kielven at jan.kielven@ontario.ca by June 15, 2007.

Thank you for your support of this initiative. It will be a pleasure for us to share and validate the successes in character development already underway in schools and boards across the province.

Sincerely,

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Dominic Giroux

Cc: EDU Deputy Minister, EDU Assistant Deputy Ministers, EDU Field Services Branch Director, EDU Regional Managers, LNS Student Achievement Officers, CODE Executive Director, OTF Secretary General, OPC Executive Director, CPCO Executive Director, ETO General Secretary, OECTA General Secretary, AFOSCC Director, Provincial Character Development Resource Team Leaders

CAPPB Directors, FLEPP Directors, CODELF Secretary, AFOCSC Director, OSSTF General Secretary, AEFO General Secretary, FESFO Director, OSSSA Director, OPSBA President, ACEPO Director, OCSTA Director, OSCA President
The purpose of this form is to collect successful practices in character development implementation and extension, K – 12. Selected submissions will be shared in the document, Character Development in Action, K-12, which will feature practices, strategies, initiatives and stories from schools across the province.

Board: ____________________________
School: ____________________________

☐ Primary ☐ Junior ☐ Intermediate ☐ Senior
Contact Name: ___________________ Phone: _______________ Email: _______________

1. Name/Theme of Initiative

Please provide description in point form:
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2. Please identify the impact of this Initiative practice on areas such as:
- Student achievement
- School culture
- Student engagement, staff engagement and parent engagement
- Other: (Please specify)

3. Do you have any of the following in support of this initiative?
☐ Photos ☐ Videos ☐ Artwork ☐ Music

Other: (Please specify)

Please return completed form to jan.kielven@ontario.ca