MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education of District School Boards

FROM: Dominic Giroux
Assistant Deputy Minister
French-Language Education and Educational Operations Division

DATE: December 4th 2006

SUBJECT: Minister Meeting with District School Board Chairs

I am pleased to inform you that Minister Kathleen Wynne is inviting the Chairs of all district school boards to meet with her in a private session along with Chairs and Executive Directors of the four trustee associations, on Thursday December 14, 2006 in Toronto.

Premier McGuinty will also participate in part of this meeting, which will provide an opportunity to discuss with Chairs how, as elected officials at the local and provincial levels, school boards and the government can work together to focus on improving student outcomes and building confidence in the public education system.

Senior ministry officials will review supports available to help boards achieve their goals.

Trustee associations will have an opportunity to hold break out sessions with the newly elected chairs elected by their respective members.

We recognize that your Chair for the next term likely has not been chosen yet, and that this event is short notice. However, we hope he or she can join the Minister for what promises to be a very stimulating and informative day. If the chair is unable to attend, he or she may send the Vice-Chair or another trustee. Under all circumstances, we kindly ask each board to limit its representation to one individual, serving as an elected official.

The meeting will take place in the Ontario Room of the Macdonald Block at 900 Bay Street between 10:30 am and 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. The day has been designed in such a way that there is plenty of opportunity for discussion as opposed to significant presentations.

For participants travelling over 200 km (one way), reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed.

We also recognize that this date conflicts with the trustee orientation seminar being held in Sudbury on the same day. For Chairs of district school boards who were planning to attend that seminar, and who would like to attend both a trustee orientation seminar and the meeting with the Minister, we are pleased to invite you to the sessions held in Barrie on December 5th or in Thunder Bay on December 7th.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Margot Trevelyan, Director of Labour Relations and Governance, at 416-325-2836.

Sincerely,

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