MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Kirsten Parker
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Student Success/Learning to 18 Implementation, Training and Evaluation Branch

DATE: April 4, 2007

SUBJECT: Regional Dialogue on Student Success Teams

We are pleased to inform you that in late April and May the ministry will be hosting one day regional dialogue sessions with board teams to facilitate collaboration regarding common issues that School Student Success Teams encounter. Student Success teams have played an integral role in the implementation of the Student Success strategy in each one of our secondary schools. It is through these teams that practices and supports will reach every student.

These regional dialogue sessions respond to needs identified by the field for more opportunities to share practical strategies and solutions with other boards. They also recognize that across the province, there is the collective wisdom and will to ensure the success of all students. Topics for discussion will be identified regionally by Student Success Leaders and the attending participants will be able to choose the topic they wish to discuss.

Each Student Success Leader will play a role in the day’s facilitation and recording of information and this in turn will enhance his/her collective capacity. Student Success Leaders will receive a separate invitation that includes the registration details and time line. As well, we will arrange the preparation meetings, by teleconference and in person.
Boards may send teams of up to 20 people. Team members should include the Student Success Leader, a Superintendent with Family of Schools responsibilities, a secondary principal, a Student Success Teacher, and a representative from Special Education, Guidance and Co-op. The remainder of the team can be determined by you.

Please find attached a draft agenda for these regional sessions. We look forward to our work together. Thank you for your continued support of the Student Success initiative.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Parker

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