MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Kirsten Parker

DATE: September 27, 2006

SUBJECT: Regional Training Sessions for Student Success Teachers

The purpose of this memorandum is to let you know that the Ministry of Education will be holding a series of two-day regional training sessions across the province in October for all Student Success Teachers (new and returning) in your secondary schools. These training sessions are a continuation of the on-going support for Student Success Teachers. This June, Deputy Minister Ben Levin provided to Directors of Education the Student Success Commission's Report on Student Success Teachers.

The report from the Student Success Commission will be part of the ministry-sponsored training sessions for Student Success Teachers. It will build on the leadership network of Student Success Leaders and resources for principals and classroom teachers that have been developed over the past three years, supported by the ministry funding allocated to district school boards for the Student Success Program: Grades 7 - 12.

Student Success Leaders, working together with ministry staff, will play a central role in facilitating the regional training sessions for Student Success Teachers and providing on-going local support to these teachers in their role throughout the year. Attached to this memo is a complete list of locations and dates for each of the eight fall regional sessions for Student Success Teachers in English-language secondary schools. The ministry will cover expenses incurred for supply teacher coverage and travel expenses for each participant, if necessary.

We are asking you to invite a Superintendent of Education, connected to the Student Success/Learning to 18 initiative, the Student Success Leader, two principals and one Student Success Teacher from each of your secondary schools to the relevant regional Student Success Teacher training session for your board. Your Student Success Leader will be asked separately to forward the names of your board team to the Regional Office in your District.
Thank you in advance for your support of this initiative as part of the ministry's ongoing priority to increase opportunities and support for greater numbers of young people to achieve success in secondary education.

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