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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
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Principals of Inspected Private Schools

FROM: Ben Levin
Deputy Minister

DATE: April 6, 2009

RE: Ontario's New Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy

Today, the ministry released its new equity and inclusive education strategy paper, *Realizing the Promise Of Diversity*. You will find a copy attached along with a promotional poster.

This province-wide strategy has been a priority for our Minister of Education Kathleen Wynne and me. It will help us close the achievement gap with struggling students. It will also increase respect and understanding among students and better prepare them for a global economy.

There is already some great work underway in schools and boards, and through community groups to embrace diversity. I want to thank you for contributing valuable feedback during the consultation process. Your work has laid the foundation for our province-wide strategy.

In the coming months, you will be receiving a PPM and resource guide that will provide further guidance on how to start developing and implementing the strategy's action items.

Thank you for your leadership on this important initiative. We look forward to working with you to meet the needs of our diverse student population.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Levin".

Ben Levin

- c. Council of Ontario Directors of Education
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