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Toronto ON M5S 1B3**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education**DATE:** April 12, 2018**SUBJECT:** Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy (CRRP) –
Expression of Interest 2018-2019 Cohort

Through the Education Equity Action Plan, the Ministry is supporting boards to implement teaching practices, curriculum and assessment that are culturally reflective of and responsive to the students they teach, so that all students see themselves, and their own and classmates' lived experience reflected in what and how they are learning.

Since the release of the Education Equity Action Plan last September, we have been working closely with 13 board teams to support their implementation of CRRP initiatives that address equity issues identified as a priority in their local context. Those board teams received four-day intensive training on CRRP, led by Dr. Nicole West-Burns and Jeff Kugler, and received on-site support throughout this past school year as they implemented their CRRP initiative, funded by the Education Equity Secretariat.

I am pleased to invite your board to express interest in participating in our 2018-2019 CRRP cohort. Board teams, consisting of a maximum of 6 staff, will attend a four-day capacity building session on the foundational components of CRRP in early fall 2018. Participants will be expected to attend all 4 days of professional learning and the board team must include a superintendent with direct authority and responsibility for systemic change.

Based on each board's context, the team would identify an equity-focused domain based on local context and needs. These domains may include, but are not limited to: anti-racism work to address systemic racism experienced by Indigenous, Black, and other underserved and/or racialized communities/students; LGBTQ2S inclusion; disproportionality in special education programs; and/or issues connected to socio-economic status. With this intentional focus, each board team will develop an inquiry question and engage in related action to operationalize CRRP throughout the year.

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If your board is interested in participating in our 2018-2019 CRRP cohort, please complete the attached form and return to the Education Equity Secretariat no later than Monday April 30th, 2018.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification please don't hesitate to contact your Regional Education Officer or Merrill Mathews at the Education Equity Secretariat (Merrill.Mathews@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Education Equity Action Plan.

Best regards,

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