MEMORANDUM TO:

FROM: Lisa A. Lumley  
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Education Statistics & Analysis Branch

DATE: August 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA)  
- Local Capacity Building Funding 2009-10  
- November 2009 MISA Leaders’ Event  
- Publicly Available Information for Individual Schools

As you are aware the ministry advised all Directors of Education of the continuation of MISA Local Capacity Building funding for 2009-10 in the amount of $10 million. I am confirming that ______ has been allocated to support MISA Local Capacity Building eligible activities in fiscal year 2009-10 (April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010) to assist your board in continuing to grow its capacity to use data for improved student outcomes.

Significant gains have been achieved across the MISA core capacity areas during the past four years. The focus of boards’ MISA Local Capacity Building efforts, to be demonstrated in your MISA plans for this year, should be on the management and use of data by principals and teachers to improve student outcomes at the school and classroom level.

This year the ministry has centralized the Transfer Payment function. Each board has already received a master transfer payment agreement which covers most funding provided to school boards by the ministry, including MISA Local Capacity Building. A separate project agreement specific to MISA Local Capacity Building is also part of this new process and will be sent to your board shortly. We would also ask you to complete and submit the attached MISA Local Capacity Building plan by September 23, 2009 to facilitate payment.

Please mark November 18, 2009 in your calendars as the date for the next MISA Leaders’ event. Further details will be communicated about this in September.

Finally, our partners in the ministry’s Research & Evaluation Strategy Branch are looking for details regarding publicly available information for individual schools. As a MISA Leader you may be contacted to provide assistance in obtaining this information.

Please contact Daniel Schultz at (416) 325-7056 should you have any questions regarding 2009-10 MISA Local Capacity Building funding, the new transfer payment process or the Research & Evaluation Strategy Branch’s information scan.
Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the MISA initiative.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Lumley
Sr. Manager, MISA Liaison Group

Attachment

cc. Superintendents of Business

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     Director, Research & Evaluation Strategy Branch
     Director, Field Services Branch
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