MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
FROM: Elizabeth Harding
       Director
       Learning Environment Branch
DATE: August 27, 2010
SUBJECT: Community Use Of Schools – EFIS Data Form E (2010-11)

As indicated in the August 10, 2010 memo, there are some changes to the Community Use of Schools (CUS) Education Finance Information System (EFIS) Data Form E for the reporting period of September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011 (due to the Ministry in Fall 2011).

Building on the improvements to Data Form E from the 2009-10 school year, the 2010-11 draft template includes a number of new questions which will expand the scope of analysis conducted by the Ministry of Education. You will note that additional questions are primarily concerned with the proportion of schools open for CUS, number of permits requested by not-for-profit groups, and the number of permitted hours by group and activity.

We ask that you review the attached Data Form E draft template to ensure your board will be able to provide comprehensive and accurate data at the end of the 2010-11 school year. As usual, you will receive the final template for completion in August 2011. In order to capture some of this new data, we also ask that your board amend its permit application(s) to include the three questions below. This information will be tracked by permitted hours, as you will see on the attached template.

1. Please select the category(ies) that describes the age of the expected participants. (Check all that apply.)
   - Children 0 – 6
   - Children 7 – 12
   - Teens 13 – 18
   - Young Adults 19 – 24
   - Adults 25 – 64
   - Seniors 65+
   - No target age (i.e. there is a wide range in the ages of participants)

2. Please indicate the gender of your participants.
   - Female
   - Male
   - Both
3. Please select the category(ies) that describes the primary type of activity. (Check all that apply.) Please note the examples are not exhaustive.

- Educational (e.g. homework help, reading clubs)
- Parenting Support (e.g. new parent classes)
- Sports and Recreational (e.g. basketball, yoga)
- Health and Wellness (e.g. nutrition program, blood donation)
- Child Care Programs
- Arts and Cultural (e.g. community theatre, concerts)
- Supports for Recent Immigrants
- Social (e.g. bbq, meet and greet)
- Community Services (e.g. employment aid)
- Meetings (e.g. neighbourhood action)
- Leadership (e.g. Scouts, Guides)
- Aboriginal-focused Programs
- Supports for Low-income Communities
- Other: please describe __________________________

We understand that your board may be in the process of granting, or may have already granted permits for space during the 2010-11 school year. Therefore, we ask that you implement these changes to your permit applications as soon as possible this fall, and if feasible, obtain the information requested in the aforementioned questions for any 2010-11 permits granted to date.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this important program. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Anthony Falcone (anthony.falcone@ontario.ca, (416) 325-2668).

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