MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Principals of Provincial and Demonstration Schools

FROM: George Zegarac
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Education

DATE: December 5, 2012

SUBJECT: Bill 13: Revised Policy and Program Memoranda and Dates for Adobe Connect Sessions

As you are aware, the Accepting Schools Act, 2012, (Bill 13) came into effect on September 1, 2012. Bill 13 sets out in law what many boards are already practicing through policy and guidelines. The Ministry recognizes that boards have made significant progress in the implementation of the Safe Schools and Equity and Inclusive Education Strategies, and addressing many of the legislative requirements found in Bill 13, working towards full implementation by February 1, 2013.

For those legislative requirements that need ministry policy direction, I am pleased to provide you with the attached three Policy and Program Memoranda (P/PM) which have been revised to align with Bill 13: P/PM 128, The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct; P/PM 144, Bullying Prevention and Intervention; and P/PM 145, Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour.

Also included are P/PM 141, School Board Programs for Students on Long-Term Suspension, and P/PM 142, School Board Programs for Expelled Students which have been updated to reflect only housekeeping changes (i.e., no policy changes).

All of these P/PMs are posted on the ministry website at www.edu.gov.on.ca.
To further support boards in implementing the changes as a result of Bill 13 and the revisions to these P/PMs, we are pleased to provide you with a slide deck that summarizes all these key changes as well as resources and supports that the ministry has provided or will be providing to support boards to further implement and imbed these changes.

The ministry has also scheduled a number of Adobe Connect sessions (see attached for registration information). The purpose of these sessions is to provide an overview of key policy requirements and the importance of a whole school approach, to provide boards an opportunity to share successful practices, discuss any challenges and to raise any questions.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the attached Policy and Program Memoranda, please contact the ministry office in your region. A list of Regional Offices is attached.

The Ministry appreciates your commitment and contribution to the Comprehensive Action Plan for Accepting Schools.

Deputy Minister

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