MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Director of Provincial and Demonstration Schools

FROM: George Zegarac
Deputy Minister

DATE: December 11, 2012

SUBJECT: A Preview for Grades 10 to 12 of the New Education and
Career/Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools

Attached to this memo please find a seven-page document called Creating Pathways to Success, A Preview for Grades 10-12 of the New Education and Career/Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools. The draft policy previewed in this document is being released now to assist schools and school boards in putting in place program components designed to support students in planning their four-year secondary school program and transitioning to their initial postsecondary destination. In addition, the Ministry will be transferring funds to school boards, to support schools in ensuring that students are supported in their planning through the use of a web-based Individual Pathways Plan. Details on this transfer payment will be coming in a follow-up memorandum.

Although this document is intended to support student planning in grades 10-12 there are references to program components which are applicable to students in other grades. The education and career/life planning policy set out in Creating Pathways to Success will supersede the career development policy set out in Choices Into Action: Guidance and Career Education Program Policy for Ontario Elementary Schools, 1999 when the full Kindergarten to Grade 12 education and career/life planning policy document and accompanying implementation dates are released in spring 2013.

During the month of November each school board had an opportunity, as part of the bi-yearly Student Success School Cross Panel Teams training, to review the draft policy outlined in
this document and discuss resources and strategies to support implementation, including web-based planning tools with participants from other school boards in your region.

Please share this information with school administrators and superintendents in your board.

Sincerely,

George Zegarac

Attachment
c. Mary Jean Gallagher, ADM, Student Achievement Division
Grant Clarke, ADM, French Language, Aboriginal Learning and Research Division
EDU Regional Managers
Student Success Leaders