MEMORANDUM TO: __________________

Director of Education
DSB

FROM: Mary Jean Gallagher
Chief Student Achievement Officer of Ontario
Assistant Deputy Minister
Student Achievement Division

DATE: December 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) 2012-13 Transfer Payments

For 2012-13, Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) funding to boards is comprised of a GSN amount and a Transfer Payment (TP) allocation that was identified in the Master Project Agreement sent to your board on June 13, 2012, effective June 20, 2012. The TP portion is used to make adjustments if there is a difference between the original projected number of students and the number of students reported in the board’s initial report submitted in November 2012.

The following chart indicates your board’s initial projection for SHSM students, the actual enrolment as indicated in the 2012-13 initial board report, the amount of the adjustment, and the final amount of the SHSM transfer payment. To account for minor enrolment fluctuations we have used a buffer of plus or minus four students per program. The chart also indicates changes in program offerings, if any, and subsequent funding implications.

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<th>Projected number of students (2012-13 SHSM Application)</th>
<th>Actual 2012-13 enrolment (Initial Report)</th>
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<th>2012-13 TP adjustment due to student enrolment changes</th>
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<td>Total 2012-13 adjustment</td>
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<td>Final adjusted 2012-13 TP</td>
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<td>Total 2012-13 SHSM funding (GSN + adjusted TP):</td>
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In most cases this difference in funding can be attributed to the fact that boards estimate SHSM student enrolment as part of the application process nine months before the school year begins. The total number of SHSM students in 2012-13 in the province is lower than the number originally projected by boards. This has resulted in a small amount of funding that will be re-allocated to support mature programs by increasing the per student amount from $510 to $555.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact Aldo Cianfrini at 416 325-2669, aldo.cianfrini@ontario.ca or Sudeshna Dutta at 416-325-2508, sudeshna.dutta@ontario.ca

Thank you for your on-going commitment to support success for all students. We look forward to working with you on this important endeavour and to hearing about the SHSM results achieved by your students.

Mary Jean Gallagher
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