MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary - Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Taddesse Haile
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DATE: December 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA) Update

This memorandum provides information about the 2015-16 academic year data collection schedule and upcoming Ontario School Information System (OnSIS) data collection changes.

OnSIS 2015-16 Academic Year Data Collection Schedule

The ministry appreciates your continued support in the submission of timely and quality data through OnSIS. The ministry will continue to work collaboratively and support school boards to maintain and improve the OnSIS data quality and timeliness.

It is important that boards verify and sign-off OnSIS data submissions (October, March and June) on or before the completion dates to ensure key education indicators accurately reflect the data of all boards. Please refer to the attached 2015-16 Academic Year OnSIS Data Collection Schedule.

Data Collection Changes as of October 2015

Secondary Report Card
Additional provincial report card data for all public secondary schools, grades 9-12 will be collected through OnSIS beginning in the 2015-16 academic year. This collection will include attendance by course (total classes, classes missed and times late), “IEP”, “ESL/ELD” for English and “PEI” for French report cards.
Enrolment Reporting Initiative (ERI) Phase 2 – Non-credit Based Continuing Education Registers

This initiative includes the collection of elemental Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) and course/class related data for all continuing education and independent study programs through the OnSIS application. Phase one changes were implemented in 2014-15 for all credit based registers. Phase two changes will be implemented in 2015-16 for all non-credit based registers, which includes, International Languages Elementary (ILE), Literacy and Numeracy and Adult Native Language Instruction. This information will be collected through the Night/Continuing Education submission and Summer school submission.

Ministry Defined Courses (MDC)

Schools will be allowed to submit closed Ministry Defined Courses (MDC) for the purpose of reporting Credit Recovery and Co-operative education.

Temporary Letter of Approval (TLA)

Users will no longer be able to select a Temporary Letter of Approval (TLA) number in the educator assignment form that was approved for the previous academic year.

Letter of Permission (LOP)

The Letter of Permission (LOP) application will be updated to allow LOP requests for educators in CTCC facilities.

Board School Identification (BSID) numbers for Continuing Education Schools

BSID numbers were previously only assigned to secondary credit based continuing education programs. However, as a result of the implementation of phase two of the Enrolment Reporting Initiative, boards are now able to request a BSID number for non-credit based continuing education programs effective in the summer of 2015.

Elemental secondary Care and/or Treatment, Custody and Correctional (CTCC) Facilities collection

The ministry is targeting to collect elemental student achievement data from secondary CTCC facilities in the 2015-16 academic year. The ministry will continue to work on the process and communicate with the Boards throughout the year. The data will provide an evidence base to enhance CTCC programs and the success of students attending education programs in CTCC facilities.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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