MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Mary Jean Gallagher
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DATE: December 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Diploma Data for Re-engaging Students and for Verifying Completeness

As promised at this fall’s regional meetings with you and your senior staff, we are providing you with data about students who have and have not graduated from your board’s 2005-06 grade 9 cohort and your board’s 2006-07 grade 9 cohort based on data submitted to OnSIS as of the June 2009-2010 submission period. These reports supplement the information you may want to use in your efforts to engage students through the Re-engagement Initiative (12 & 12+) while also serving as a means to validate the data itself.

We would especially like you to confirm the completeness and accuracy of your diploma data specifically for the 2009-2010 school year. This requires a review of the 2009-2010 OnSIS diploma data which appears in the school verification and board summary reports (sections T & U) in OnSIS.

If any data correction or updates are required, changes must be submitted through your board OnSIS Contact to the OnSIS team via the standard process of data correction. The deadline for submitting any changes to your 2009-2010 OnSIS data, confirmed by you, the Director of Education, is December 17, 2010. Existing 2009-2010 OnSIS data as previously submitted to the ministry will be considered final and confirmed if no changes are received by this date.

The OnSIS team can be reached by phone at (416)212-6366 or 1-888-275-5934 or by e-mail at onsis_sison@ontario.ca. Should you have general questions about this process, Rick Bent, the ministry’s OnSIS Manager, may be contacted directly at (416) 325-4324 or by email at Rick.Bent@ontario.ca.
The 2006-07 cohort data being made available to you is provided for two purposes: to check its accuracy against board data holdings and to support Student Success Leaders’ and Teachers’ efforts to identify students who are still enrolled or \textit{should be enrolled} in secondary schools but who have not yet met the graduation requirements. This group of students should be a focus of your efforts to assist them in fulfilling missing graduation requirements in the remainder of the 2010-11 school year.

Any questions about the Re-engagement Initiative (12 & 12+) or other Student Success initiatives should be directed to Rob Andrews, Director, Student Success/Learning to 18, Implementation, Training and Evaluation Branch (416-326-9369), Richard Franz, Director, Student Success/Learning to 18 Strategic Policy Branch (416-414-1410) or Ginette Plourde, French Language Education Policy and Programs Branch (416-327-9072).

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Att.

cc: Student Success Leaders
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