February 8, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretaries of School Authorities
Director, Provincial Schools Branch
Superintendent, Centre Jules-Léger

FROM: Kevin Costante
Deputy Minister

RE: Policy/Program Memorandum No. 151—Professional Activity Days Devoted to Provincial Education Priorities

The enclosed Policy/Program Memorandum 151 provides direction to school boards concerning the criteria and topics for the two professional activity (PA) days devoted to provincial education priorities for the 2010-11 school year.

Under Ontario Regulation 304 – School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days, school boards must dedicate two PA days per school year to provincial education priorities. These priorities are reflected through the criteria and topics contained in the regulation. Boards may dedicate up to four more PA days per school year.

Effective July 1, 2010, Ontario Regulation 304 will no longer identify the criteria that determine the scope of the professional activities for the two mandatory PA days and will no longer include Schedule I, which contains the possible topics for these PA days. Instead, the criteria and topics will be set out in the Appendix to PPM 151. The PPM will be effective July 1, 2010. If the provincial priorities for education should change in subsequent years, the criteria and topics in the Appendix will be updated.

Boards must continue to prepare their school year calendars according to the requirements in Ontario Regulation 304.

PPM 151 is posted on the ministry website at www.edu.gov.on.ca. Ontario Regulation 304 can be found on the e-laws website at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca.
If you have any questions, please contact your Ministry Regional Office. A list of Regional Offices is attached.

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