MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers and Supervisory Officers of School Authorities

FROM: Paul Ménard
Regional Manager

DATE: February 2, 2010

SUBJECT: H1N1 Weekly District School Board Report

The Ministry of Education has been advised by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care that rates of H1N1 across the province have declined to the point where the submission of the Weekly H1N1 Board Report can be suspended effective today. This report was initiated earlier in the school year to assist with monitoring increased levels of H1N1 activity. Should there be a change in the incidence of H1N1 activity in the coming weeks or months, boards may be asked to resume the reporting at that time.

The Ministry of Health and Long Term has stated that the information contained in the Weekly H1N1 Board Reports was extremely valuable and helped to inform tracking of incidences of influenza like illness across Ontario. Boards should also know that the issues and concerns raised by them during this process have been noted and forwarded to both ministries for consideration should we need to resume reporting at some point in the future.

Please convey our thanks to board staff involved in the preparation of the Weekly H1N1 Board report for their willingness to work with both ministries on this issue.

Sincerely,

Paul Ménard
Regional Manager