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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Mary Jean Gallagher
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SUBJECT: Student Achievement Resources Winter Package

I am delighted to let you know that the ministry's Student Achievement Resources Winter Package will be delivered to you shortly. The winter package includes a selection of new monographs and multi-media resources designed to support professional learning in mathematics and literacy instruction and to help Ontario educators continue their outstanding work in creating vibrant and equitable school communities. Like the fall package, this one is a joint effort of the Student Achievement Division and the Curriculum, Assessment and Policy Branch.

Individual packages are being sent to Directors of Education, Superintendents of Education, Student Success Leaders and School Effectiveness Leads. Additionally, the School Effectiveness Lead at your board has identified the number of additional packages required for distribution, and these are included in the shipment to your board as well. As in past years, we will send to your attention shrink-wrapped resources and address labels for further distribution to your elementary and secondary schools. If your district school board has requested to have packages sent directly to your schools, we have done so.

Many of the winter package resources are already online – all will be online by the end of February at LearnTeachLead.ca. At that time, additional copies of many of the resources can be ordered from ServiceOntario.

The Student Achievement Resources Winter Package includes:

MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION
Math Conversations that Count (video)
Making Space for Students to Think Mathematically by Dr. Christine Suurtaam, Brenna Quigley and Jill Lazarus (<i>What Works? Research into Practice</i>)
EduGAINS – Mathematics postcard
Mathies.ca – postcard

English Language Learners and Mathematics: Patterning and Algebra (video)
LITERACY INSTRUCTION
Make Room For Sharpening Inference in Reading (ALERT)
Leading a Process for Improvement in Literacy (Leaders Connect)
21st Century Teaching & Learning: What Research Tells Us About Digital Citizenship and Digital Literacy
VIBRANT AND EQUITABLE SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
Leaders in Educational Thought – Ways of Change (video)
Resilient, Active, and Flourishing: Supporting Positive Mental Health and Well-Being in Our School Communities by Dr. Patrick Carney and Dr. Michelann Parr (<i>What Works? Research into Practice</i>)
Poverty and Schooling: Where Mindset Meets Practice by Dr. Darlene Ciuffetelli Parker (<i>What Works? Research into Practice</i>)
Make Room For Supporting Student Collaboration (ALERT)
Pedagogical Documentation Revisited – Looking at Assessment and Learning in New Ways (<i>Capacity Building Series</i>)
FOR PARENTS
Supporting Your Child’s Success in French Immersion and Extended French bundled with Doing Mathematics with Your Child and Reading and Writing with Your Child
OF NOTE FOR SCHOOL LEADERS
Principals as Co-learners: Supporting the Promise of Collaborative Inquiry (<i>Capacity Building Series</i>) is now available online in an enhanced version with links to relevant video featuring leading thinkers in education.