Memorandum

To: Directors of Education
District School Boards

From: Denise Dwyer
Assistant Deputy Minister
Leadership and Learning Environment Division

Date: February 29, 2016

Subject: Phase out of the Ministry’s Registry of Resources for Safe and Inclusive Schools

I am writing to inform you of the phase out of the Registry of Resources for Safe and Inclusive Schools (Registry) from the Ministry’s website, effective April 1, 2016. The Registry was created in 2006 in response to requests from schools and school boards for support in the selection of resources that promote safe and inclusive schools.

Over the last few years, the ministry has placed increased focus on the need to implement approaches that have proven to be effective in supporting a whole-school approach to promoting a positive school climate. Since the creation of the Registry, a number of online third party portals of evidence-based/informed resources and promising practices have become available to boards and schools. You will find examples of repositories of resources to support safe, accepting and inclusive schools in Appendix A.

To further support school boards, the ministry provided boards with a decision tool in 2013 developed by the Promotion of Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network (PREVNet). The tool is intended to assist boards in choosing evidence-based bullying prevention programs and is available on PREVNet’s website.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to promoting safe and inclusive learning environments.

Original signed by

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Examples of repositories of evidence-based/informed resources and promising practices that foster safe and inclusive schools to support student success and well-being are included below for your reference:

- The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)'s Canadian Best Practices Portal (Preventing Violence Stream), which is restricted to programs that have been reviewed and evaluated by PHAC, in partnership with PREVNet (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network), and demonstrated to be successful at achieving their goals and desired changes. The portal includes resources on violence, bullying prevention and behaviour management.

- PREVNet’s (Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network) website which includes resources on bullying prevention.

- Safe@School which includes resources for the whole school community on bullying prevention and equity and inclusive education.

- Equity and Inclusive Education: A Resource Compendium For Elementary and Secondary School Teachers in Ontario, which can be found on the Council of Ontario Directors of Education’s website.

- Equity and Inclusive Education Resources Data Base which is available on the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC)’s website and consists mostly of school board-developed resources to support safe and inclusive schools.

- School Mental Health (SMH) Assist website which includes a Decision Support Tool to support decision making processes and determination of a mental health product or service.

- Edugains which includes resources developed by the ministry or that the ministry was involved in co-developing.