MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Student Success Leaders

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SUBJECT: Evaluation of the Ontario Ministry of Education’s Student Success / Learning to 18 Strategy, Final Report


This is the final report of an external evaluation of the Student Success / Learning to 18 Strategy conducted by Charles Ungerleider of the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL). An interim report (“Stage 1 Report”), completed in July 2007, was recently posted to the Ministry’s website: http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/studentsuccess/results.html

The Canadian Council on Learning was engaged by the Ministry to evaluate the extent to which the SS/L18 Strategy as currently implemented is aligned with the Ministry’s goals and is producing the intended outcomes. CCL conducted this external evaluation over a 13-month period (Fall 2006-Spring 2008).

The final report provides an in-depth look at the strategy and its components through province-wide achievement results, and data gathered from various communities of Ontario’s education system, i.e. parents and students; school, board and ministries; and colleges.

We would like to thank you for your contribution to this important evaluation. Your participation is greatly appreciated. We would also like to encourage you to use this report in combination with the fine examples of Student Success initiatives that you may have in your board to raise the strategy’s profile in your community and with your local media. If you are planning some communication around this report, please engage Amanda Tisi at amanda.tisi@ontario.ca, or 416-325-2098.

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