MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

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SUBJECT: K-12 Research Network Meeting: District School Board Researchers and Student Achievement Division Research Team

Evidence-based and research informed decision making are integral to effective planning for student learning and achievement. Research, evaluation, assessment and accountability leaders engage in assessment of needs, planning, implementation and review of outcomes informing the ongoing development of initiatives and strategies for improving student achievement at school, board and provincial levels.

With this in mind, I am pleased to invite one member of your research staff responsible for data analysis and reporting to attend a one-day provincial K-12 Research Network meeting to take place Wednesday, February 17 at the Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel, Toronto.

This forum will provide an opportunity for school board research staff from across Ontario, (or board staff charged with this responsibility) to network and share effective practices related to research, evaluation, data collection, analysis and reporting including how data is being used to inform board planning to improve student achievement.
Travel, meals and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed according to Ministry guidelines. Additional representatives may attend at the board’s expense. In order to ensure space for your board, please have your board representative complete the attached registration form and e-mail to Amanda Fung – amanda.fung@ontario.ca by February 3, 2010.

It is our hope that this unique opportunity will help further the capacity of school boards in Ontario as we work together to use data to improve student achievement.

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Sincerely,

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