MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Elizabeth Harding
Director
Policy and Program Branch

DATE: June 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Reporting on Board Usage of Safe Schools Funding for 2008-09

I am writing to follow up with you on the safe schools funding for the 2008-09 school year for programs for long-term suspended and expelled students that was flowed to school boards via the Safe Schools Supplement in the Grants for Student Needs.

Please find attached a reporting template for the 2008-09 year. This template is designed to gather data on board usage of the $23M allocation to boards to provide programs and supports to address inappropriate behaviour and programs for expelled and long-term suspended students. It will also gather data on the annual allocation of $10.5M to help boards acquire additional para-professional workers such as psychologists, social workers, child and youth workers, and attendance counsellors.

As noted in the memo sent to Directors of Education on May 7, 2009, the Ministry will be making some modifications to OnSIS in order to capture student participation in programming for suspended and expelled students, beginning in the 2009-10 school year. Schools will be able to capture data about students benefiting from programs for expelled and long-term suspended students in OnSIS starting next September.

Staff at the Education Statistics and Analysis Branch have been working with your vendors to ensure that the appropriate modifications are made to your software in time for the 2009-10 school year.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Harewood at (416) 325-4185 or jennifer.harewood@ontario.ca or Nick Laurella at (416) 325-7749 or nick.laurella@ontario.ca.

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Attachments