MEMORANDUM TO:
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SUBJECT:
Education Policy and Program Update to April 30, 2010

The Ministry document, Education Policy and Program Update to June 30, 2009 has been updated to April 30, 2010. In the present guide, policy and program changes made between July 1, 2009, and April 30, 2010, are highlighted in purple.

The current policy document Ontario Secondary Schools, Grades 9 to 12: Program and Diploma Requirements (OSS:99) is being replaced by a new integrated policy document which reflects a coherent vision of education for Ontario schools from Kindergarten through Grade 12.

The Education Policy and Program Update is intended to bridge the gap until the new K-12 policy document is released and provides a summary of the changes to secondary school policy, program and diploma requirements currently described in OSS:99. This document also lists other policy and program changes, recent initiatives and resources that impact elementary and secondary schools.

As this is intended to be a web-based resource, copies of the document will not be distributed. The resource can be found on the Ministry website at http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/eppOSS.html, and will be updated yearly, until the release of the Kindergarten to Grade 12 policy document.
Part A of this resource is structured to parallel the Table of Contents of OSS:99. Changes are identified under the headings of sections of OSS:99 to which they relate. Unless a change is indicated, all other provisions outlined in any given section of OSS:99 remain in effect, unchanged. Part B of this document identifies policies and programs introduced since 1999 that affect all schools from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Part C outlines a selection of recent initiatives and resources that do not represent new policy but have an impact on, and support the efforts of Ontario schools.

Please share this resource with appropriate individuals within your schools and boards.

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